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NEWS FROM TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL AND YOUR COMMUNITY

No cuts to frontline services in 2014/15

BY SUSAN MULLIGAN

COUNCIL tax will remain frozen for the fourth consecutive year and frontline services will be preserved after the council adopted the mayor's proposed budget for 2014/15.

The proposals – which include relocating the town hall to Whitechapel and continued free home care – went through with no amendments.

A week earlier, a meeting of the council agreed that Labour group amendments, including free school meals for all primary school children for the financial

year, would be considered for inclusion in the mayor's budget. But these were rejected last Thursday, March 6.

The meeting heard that budget savings, identified last year, were on track and no additional savings were required.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "This budget strikes a balance between investment and

prudence. Sadly, Labour's proposals do neither. They wanted to delay relocating the town hall when it has been costing us £14 million per year and their plan to fund free school meals for the financial year, not the school year, is a level of incompetence our residents can't afford."

Cllr Carlo Gibbs, from the Labour group, said: "We are really disappointed that Lutfur Rahman chose to block Labour's fully funded plans to give every primary school pupil free school meals."

"It is all a matter of priorities."

We want to give back to families struggling to cope with the rising cost of living, the mayor chose to prioritise reinstating £600,000 of tax payer funding for his chauffeur-driven Mercedes and personal advisers."

Cllr Peter Golds, Conservative group leader, said: "The Conservative group were disappointed, but not surprised at the decision of the mayor not to compromise on any of his budget proposals that could have secured some degree of consensus across the council chamber."

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BROMLEY BASH



RESIDENTS had a knees-up to mark the opening of a new facility at the Bromley by Bow Centre. A true-to-life Del Boy, who arrived in a yellow Reliant Robin, joined guests including the Pearly King and Queen of Bow Bells (pictured above) to celebrate the opening of the Connection Zone, which offers adult learning, debt advice and exercise classes.

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Shared love of art & trains

BY LARAIN CLAY

AN artist whose paintings of the London Underground have been on display at Oxford House in Bethnal Green has given some of his work to a teenager who has a fascination with the Tube.

Ross Ashmore's oil paintings have been on the walls of Oxford House for the last few weeks and a story in *East End Life* about the exhibition caught the eye of Bethnal Green reader Janice Tatt.

She contacted the paper and asked if there was any way we could get hold of a print for her 16-year-old nephew, Ruairi Evans, who has a passion for trains and the Underground.

And last weekend the pair



Ruairi (left) with artist Ross at Oxford House

met up at Oxford House and exchanged their art – and expertise on the Tube.

"I have never met anyone who is so enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the

London Underground as Ruairi. He has to be on track for a management role within London Transport or I'll eat my paint palette!" Ross told *East End Life*.

Janice said the family had a "wonderful, wonderful day".

"Ross was one of the nicest people in the world," she said.

He gave Ruairi a print of a train as well as some original artwork. As a thank you, the student gave Ross a picture of a train he drew on a mousemat.

Ruairi, who was born and brought up in the East End and now lives in Swansea, has also appeared on the Michael Portillo TV programme *Great British Train Journeys*.

"There is nothing Ruairi does not know about trains," Janice said.

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Hermitage Basin, pictured here in the 1970s, linked the three connecting docks – the Western, Eastern and Tobacco – to the river Thames.

It is now surrounded by housing and is a pleasant area for residents to sit.

Nearby, the former Hermitage Wharf has been transformed into a public garden with a memorial to civilians who died in the Blitz in World War II.

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News

A thousand thanks to all our readers

EAST End Life celebrates its 1,000th edition this week, 21 years after the first paper was published on November 25, 1993.

As you can read in our special features on the history of the paper and the changes the borough has seen over those decades (pages 17-20), East End

Life was launched to "tap into the rich culture, diversity and friendliness of the borough".

We hope the paper still reflects those aims as we continue to bring news and information about the council and its services, but also about the community which it supports.

This edition is peppered with front pages from past editions and old photographs from down the years.

If you recognise any of the faces, don't hesitate to let us know. Just call us on the numbers opposite or email eastendlife.news@towerhamlets.gov.uk

In January the government passed a

new law giving ministers the power to order the closure of East End Life.

A review of options, requested by the mayor, is being concluded – if you would like to comment, write to Natalie Baker, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar E14 2BG or email natalie.baker@towerhamlets.gov.uk

First choice school for 77% of pupils

BY IAN READ

MORE than three-quarters of pupils starting secondary education in September will be going to their first-choice school.

The figure, of 77.5 per cent, is the third highest in London and an improvement on last year, when 71 per cent received their top choice. The London average this year is 69.2 per cent.

Overall, 97.2 per cent of pupils gained a place at one of their top three choice schools in Tower Hamlets, under the Pan-London Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme – up from 91 per cent last year.

There is a rising need for school places in Tower Hamlets,

as there is across the whole of London.

The total number of school aged children in the borough is projected to rise by 14,000 over the next ten years.

To cater for this increase, the council has been carrying out a school expansion programme.

This series of refurbishments and new builds will continue with the completion of the new Bow School in June.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "Places in Tower Hamlets schools are highly sought after because of the rising pupil population, but also because of the sheer quality of our schools."

"Tower Hamlets has a reputation for educational excellence and parents rightly want

their children to be educated here."

Cllr Oliur Rahman, cabinet member for children, schools and families, said: "We work exceptionally hard to make sure as many children as possible get one of their top three choices of school, so the fact that more than 97 per cent of young people are in this position is very pleasing."

Parents were sent letters on Monday, March 3 notifying them of the outcome of their application. Those who have not been allocated a place at one of their chosen schools have been invited to visit and then secure a place at one of the Tower Hamlets schools that still have places remaining.



THERE were colourful capers in Brick Lane on Shrove Tuesday as teams, adopting various codes of dress, took part in this year's Great Spitalfields Pancake Race.

Music by the Lost Marbles String Band and clowns from the E Team contributed to the atmosphere of the event organised by Alternative Arts in aid of London's Air Ambulance. The winning team from office development organisation Aldgate Tower received an engraved frying pan. Prizes were also given to the best-dressed and best-behaved teams.

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STUDENTS at Bow Boys School celebrate their GCSE results in summer 2004. The new Bow School opens in June and the school will expand from a 750-capacity boys' school to a mixed school with 1,600 students, including a sixth form for the first time.

Budget passed

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Cllr Golds continued: "In particular, having raised the issue of free school meals as far back as 2010, we were disappointed at this being fudged by the administration."

At least two-thirds of councillors present and voting at last week's meeting needed to vote to approve the amend budget in order for them to be passed.

This threshold was not reached, meaning that the mayor's budget went through unamended.

News in brief

Treasure hunt fun

A BOW charity which runs a gym for people with disabilities or long-term health conditions, is inviting residents to discover some of London's hidden areas, solve clues – and raise money.

A treasure hunt on Saturday, March 22 will raise cash for Ability Bow.

Participants should turn up outside St Paul's Tube station at 11.15am to collect a treasure hunt pack. The event will end at 4pm near St Paul's, where the answers will be revealed.

Entry is £7.50 per person and teams should have a maximum of six people.

To register, email maddie_formoy@yahoo.co.uk before March 14.

Cancer review

A REVIEW of cancer services in east and north London is continuing with further consultation taking place in April.

A story in last week's paper said the decision to centralise some services may be reviewed but Barts Health NHS Trust said no decisions had been made.

A statement said: "The programme has been based around clinicians' recommendations for change in order to improve specialist cancer and cardiovascular services."

It added: "A period of engagement will commence following approval of an initial business case, expected to be in April."

The final decision is expected to be made in the summer.

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Get help to quit smoking

BY ANNA WILSON

RESIDENTS wanting to quit smoking are being advised to take advantage of local services to help them on their way this week.

Wednesday, March 12 is No Smoking Day and stop smoking advisers will be promoting the campaign, providing free and friendly advice, information

and support on local stop smoking services.

Although it has decreased in Tower Hamlets, the borough continues to have among the highest levels of smoking and smokeless tobacco use in London with more than 45,000 adults (24.5 per cent) compared to 21 per cent in London.

Dr Sam Everington, a local GP and chair of NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commission-

ing Group (CCG), said: "By stopping smoking you reduce the chances of you – and the people around you who inhale your cigarette smoke – getting lung cancer, heart disease, stroke and other related illnesses.

"We're keen to help people in Tower Hamlets to understand the dangers of smoking and to give people who want to quit the tools and support to do so.

"Giving up is hard, but it can be done. The important thing is to get started."

Cllr Abdul Asad, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Tower Hamlets has a variety of services to suit everyone's needs.

"Over the past year, local services have helped more than 1,400 people quit so why not see how they can help you."

Information and advice will

be available on Wednesday at:

■ Royal London Hospital main entrance, Stepney Way, E1 from 9am-4pm.

■ Chrisp Street Market, Poplar, E14 from 10am-2pm.

There are also regular stop smoking drop-in sessions every week.

For more information visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/gethealthy or www.nosmokingday.org.uk

News in brief

Book into Wilton's

A NEW book group has been set up at Wilton's Music Hall in Wapping.

Book and Biscuit is free to join and meets every Thursday at 1pm when the group leader reads aloud a short story or extract from a larger novel or poem which are up for discussion. Biscuits, teas and coffees are supplied.

For more information or to book email David Graham at d.graham@wiltons.org.uk or call 7702 2789.

Pianist wanted

A CARE home in Bethnal Green is looking for a volunteer who can visit the home to play the piano so older residents can listen to live music and sing along.

The volunteer is needed to visit Anchor's Silk Court care home between 2.30-3.30pm, twice a week.

If you can help, call Marcia Forsythe on 7729 6490.

Help clean up river

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help clean up the River Lee from Three Mills to the Bow interchange.

The Canal & River Trust has organised the clean-up from 10am on Saturday, March 15.

For more details, call Becky Williams on 07799 436816, visit www.canalrivertrust.org.uk or call 0303 040 4040.



Rev Alan Green (centre), Father Tom O'Brien and Rev Christine Hall light candles on the altar

Candles for Tube disaster victims

CANDLES were lit for each of the 173 victims of the Bethnal Green Tube disaster during a memorial service at St John on Bethnal Green Church.

The names of all those who died in the 1943 tragedy were read out during the service on Sunday, March 2.

The station was used as a bomb shelter during World War II, but on March 3, 1943, a crush at the entrance led to 173 people, including 62 children, dying and more than 90 being injured.

Survivors, community leaders, councillors, members of the police, civil defence and fire services, and residents were among those who attended the memorial service, which marked the 71st anniversary of the disaster.

Afterwards they laid wreaths on the partially finished Stairway to Heaven Memorial, which is being built in Bethnal Green Gardens in honour of the victims.

To donate to the memorial appeal, visit www.stairwaytoheavenmemorial.org

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THE 65th anniversary of the Bethnal Green Tube disaster was marked in 2008, when the Stairway to Heaven Memorial Trust announced a change of plan – to put a memorial in Bethnal Green Gardens, rather than at the entrance to the station. East End Life published the names of all 173 victims. Trust chair Alf Morris, who survived the tragedy, is pictured (second left) with fund-raising co-ordinator Derek Spicer (right) and supporters.

Help create playful artwork

RESIDENTS are invited to join performance and video artist Lucy Thane and her team for a free afternoon workshop on Saturday, March 15.

They are creating a specially-commissioned artwork – Learning to Play (A Promenade) – exploring the idea of play through movement, video and storytelling in an afternoon of

games and tasks for the family.

The workshop, from 1-4pm, will include activities outside in Victoria Park.

Go along to The Hub Community Space, Victoria Park (East Park, by the playground).

The performance of Learning to Play will take place on March 22 & 23, and is commissioned by Chisenhale Dance Space, supported by the council.

Tower among top attractions

THE Tower of London was among the most popular tourist destinations in the UK last year.

Figures from the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions showed a 12 per cent increase in

visitor numbers in 2013 to 2,894,698 making it seventh in the top ten list of attractions.

Tower Hamlets residents can visit the Tower for £1, with an Idea Store or library card and proof of name and address.

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Jail for violent robbers

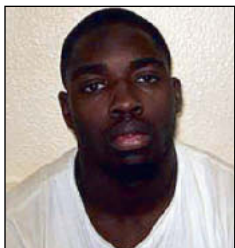
BY STAFF REPORTER

FOUR men who stole £340,000 in violent commercial robberies have been jailed for a total of more than 30 years.

The court heard how the men targeted workers from a money transfer shop in Whitechapel Road as cash was moved from the premises.

The first robbery occurred on December 5, 2011 after the owner left the office in his car. When he arrived in Manor Park, he was attacked and the keys wrenched from his hand. He saw at least three men who opened the boot of his car and took the bags containing cash.

The same money transfer shop was targeted again on October 15, 2012 when an employee left the premises with £30,000 in a plain bag



(From left) Abdion Junior Hassan, Akhbar Hussain, Vinton Meade and Shetu Meah

intending to deposit it at a nearby bank.

For security reasons, he took a minicab and got out a short distance away from the bank but as he approached the bank he was attacked by two men who punched and kicked him before dragging the deposit bag from him. The robbers fled the scene in a waiting car.

The attack was caught on CCTV and helped police build a picture of events which led them to the arrests of six men.

Vinton Meade, 29, of Webb

Estate, Clapton, pleaded guilty before the trial to his involvement in the 2011 robbery. At the start of the trial, which began on January 6, Shetu Meah, 31, of Colmar Close, Whitechapel, also admitted his involvement.

On February 13, Akhbar Hussain, 40, of Ackroyd Drive, Bow, believed to have been the getaway driver, was found guilty of the 2012 robbery and Abdion Junior Hassan, 23, of Marlowe Road, Walthamstow was found guilty of the 2011 robbery.

On February 27 at the Old Bai-

ley, Meah was sentenced to 12 years in jail, Hassan for nine years, Hussain for six years and Meade for five years.

Two other men – Keshane Fairweather, 24, of Falmer Road, Walthamstow and Rashid Khan, 33, of Narford Road, Hackney – were found not guilty.

Detective Sergeant Holly Simon from the Met's Flying Squad said: "This was a terrifying act by a very calculated group of men who used violence to steal hard-earned proceeds from a small business."



The Ecology Pavilion is just one of the many popular features of Mile End Park, which re-opened in 2001 after a successful Millennium Fund bid.

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News

New charter for disabled youngsters

BY ANNA WILSON

THE Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board has signed up to a charter committing them to improving life for disabled children and young people, and their families.

The Disabled Children's Charter for health and wellbeing board was developed by the Every Disabled Child Matters campaign and the Children's Trust.

Signing the charter means the board – a partnership between the council and health services – pledges to meet seven commitments within one year.

They include:

- engaging directly with disabled children, young people and parent carers
- setting strategic outcomes for partners to meet
- promoting early intervention and smooth transitions

between children and local adult services.

The council was recently recognised for its work improving the lives of young people and their families when the Integrated Service for Disabled Children was shortlisted for a London Government Chronicle award.

The team responds to a wide range of needs, bringing together services across social care, education, health and voluntary organisations.

It has been successful in providing a range of parenting programmes, encouraging a positive environment for families' health and emotional wellbeing.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman, who chairs the health and wellbeing board, said: "We have made a commitment to address the needs of disabled children, young people and their families.

"We are happy to be a part of this opportunity to continue

making a positive impact."

Dr Sam Everington, a GP and chair of NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "We're proud to show our support for the charter and we aim to do all we can to develop inclusive health services that meet the needs of everyone in the borough."

Insulation con warning

AN elderly resident is warning others to be careful who they let in their homes after her husband saw off a suspected conwoman.

The young woman knocked on the pensioner's door in Bethnal Green and asked to see in her loft.

She claimed she was from a trust looking to improve insulation in people's homes and would need access to the loft before advising them.

But the residents became suspicious when she showed her ID, which looked fake.

They would not let the woman inside their home and the couple called East End Life and the police to alert other people.

industry specialists and successful business owners. Cllr Shafiqul Haque, cabinet member for jobs and skills, said: "We had good feedback last time we held this event and decided to do another to inspire residents to set up their own business." Idea Stores will be hosting a series of business workshops over the next six months. For further information visit www.ideastore.co.uk



MORE than 60 budding entrepreneurs attended a free networking event to boost small businesses. Hosted by the council, Start Small, Think Big, on February 26 at Idea Store Whitechapel provided advice on starting or growing a business as well as workshops on effective use on social media. Throughout the day there were opportunities to talk to



THIS photo was published in the first edition of East End Life in 1993 and features five generations of the same family. Great great grandmother Lilian Glenshaw, 93, took centre stage, with (behind her) great grandmother Lilian Prosser, 65, and grandmothers Linda Miles (left), 47, and Gillian Prosser (right), 43. In the front are, from left: Tanya Bicker and her baby daughter Dannielle, and Joanne Watson with her daughter, Constance. Let us know if you remember any of them and if they still live in the borough.

Have your say on SAFETY in LIMEHOUSE



Tower Hamlets residents are invited to join the Deputy Mayor Cllr Ohid Ahmed, and Police Borough Commander for a walkabout to look at community safety issues in Limehouse ward.

The interactive walkabout will focus on how the council and police are tackling youth anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and misuse in the area, as well as further action needed.

DATE: Friday 14th March 2014

TIME: 4pm – 5.30pm

MEETING POINT: Hind Grove Community Hall, E14 6JP

VISITING:

- » Hind Grove Estate » Saltwell Street/Poplar High Street
- » Roche House, Beccles Street » Three Colt Street



» Residents do not need to register and can just show up on the day



Useful information

Don't miss your appointments

News from Barts Health NHS Trust

BARTS Health is asking for your help in supporting us to see as many people in our hospitals and clinics as possible by making sure that you attend your outpatient appointment.

To help us achieve this we have introduced changes to our outpatient rules.

People who do not let us know that they cannot attend an appointment will be referred back to the care of their GP. In addition, if you need to rearrange your appointment you will only be able to do this once; if you request to change your appointment for a second time you may also be referred back to your GP.

Every year around 12 per cent of patients across Barts Health miss their appointments without letting the clinic know that they will not be able to attend. This stops other people who also need an appointment from being offered it and costs the NHS £160 each time.

If you know you cannot attend your appointment please let us know as soon as possible by calling the phone number on your appointment letter.

Doing this will mean you help enable us to offer your appointment to someone else who will really benefit. Thank you for supporting your local NHS.

Celebrating heroes

We celebrated some of the trust's most inspiring and caring staff members at the second annual Barts Health Heroes Awards held on February 12 at the Museum of London.

Fifteen award winners were selected from more than 400 nominations for 97 teams and 311 individuals. Nominations were received from patients, families, visitors and colleagues – thank you to everyone who made a nomination.

The annual awards give people the chance to thank staff and volunteers who go above and



Linda White with trust chief executive Peter Morris

beyond their daily duties to provide high-quality care and an excellent patient experience, as well as making the organisation a great place to work.

The winners were chosen for their representation of the trust's five key values: caring and compassionate; actively listening, understanding and responding; relentlessly improving and innovating; achieving ambitious results; and valuing every member of staff.

Along with the winning teams and individuals, long service awards were presented to staff who have completed 25 years' service with Barts Health NHS Trust.

Linda White, who is based at the Royal London and also lives in Tower Hamlets, won her award for the compassionate and caring manner in which she deals with patient complaints and queries. She was nominated for the way she wins the trust of patients and her ability to get to the root of a problem and resolve it promptly in many cases.

She explained: "Many of the calls we receive are from elderly patients or those with special care needs who have questions or concerns. It is very satisfying to be able to resolve an issue and know that the individual is happy with how we have dealt with things."

"At the end of the day we are all patients and I always bear in mind when talking to a person how I would like to be treated myself. It's lovely when I receive positive feedback from patients or their families."

Congratulations to all our winners, runners-up and everyone who was nominated.

Chemist rota

Pharmacists in Tower Hamlets with extended opening hours.

E1

ABC Drug Stores, 12-14 Montague Street: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, Sun 10am-2.30pm.
Beck & Sherman, 197 Whitechapel Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, bank holidays 11am-1pm.
Sainsbury's, The Albion Brewery: Mon-Fri 8.30am-10pm, Sat 7.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-5pm.
Chapel, 139 Cannon Street:

Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-6pm.

E2

Fairdale, 360 Bethnal Green Road: Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 9am-6.30pm, Thurs 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.
Florida, 307 Bethnal Green Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.

E3

Bell, 534 Roman Road: Mon-Sat 7am-11pm, Sun 10am-2pm.
Forward, 648 Mile End Road:

Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun and bank holidays 10am-6pm.

Green Light, St Andrew's Health Centre, 2 Hannaford Walk: 8am-8pm, seven days a week, including bank holidays.
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Tesco, Hancock Road: Mon 8am-10.30pm, Tues-Fri 6.30am-10.30pm, Sat 6.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-4pm.

E14

Boots, Unit 15, Jubilee Place: Mon-Fri 7am-midnight, Sat

9am-6pm, Sun 12pm-6pm.
Britannia (Perimart), Asda Precinct, East Ferry Road: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 11am-4pm, bank holidays 11am-6pm.

Doctors

Please ring your doctor's surgery for an appointment, but if it's the weekend or late at night, call 7377 7151 (only for people in Tower Hamlets who are registered with a doctor).

To find a doctor, dentist or help to quit smoking call the health hotline on 7364 5016, Mon-Fri 8am-8pm and Sat 8am-4pm.

Advice

Family Information Service (FIS)

The Family Information Service provides information for people from birth to age 19 (or 25 for those with additional needs) including helping parents and carers find high quality childcare, advice on tax credits and childcare vouchers. Open Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm. Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14. fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk 7364 6495

Tower Hamlets Home Birth Support Group

Last Thurs of each month, 8pm. 31 Ridgale Street, E3. 8981 1159

Parents Advice Centre (PAC)

Offers impartial advice around special educational needs (SEN). 30 Greatorex Street, E1. Drop-in sessions every Tues, 9.30am-3.30pm & Fri, 9.30am-1pm. 7364 6489

LinkAge Plus

Toynbee Hall is one of five network centres that co-ordinates services and activities provided. Mon-Fri from 9am-5pm, drop-in session for advice on benefits, pensions, employment and housing. Appointments necessary. Mon 9am-5pm, Bangladeshi group. Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, E1 7392 2914 www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Welfare advice

All the organisations listed below can help you with welfare benefits, housing and general debt problems.

Account 3

1-9 Birkbeck Street, E2. 7739 7720 www.account3.org.uk

Bangladesh Youth Movement

21-23 Henriques St, E1. 7488 1831/2

Bromley by Bow Centre

St Leonard's Street, E3. 8709 9737 www.bbbc.org.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

32 Greatorex Street, E1. 7247 1050 www.adviceguide.org.uk

Island Advice Centre

Island House, Roserton Street, Isle of Dogs, E14. 7987 9379 www.island-advice.org.uk

Legal Advice Centre

104 Roman Road, E2.

8980 4205 www.legaladvicecentre.org.uk

Limehouse Project

Cheadle Hall, Cheadle House, Copenhagen Place, E14. 7538 0075 www.limehouseproject.org.uk

Praxis (New Residents Service)

Pott Street, E2. 7729 7985 www.praxis.org.uk

Tower Hamlets Law Centre

(by appointment and evening legal advice sessions). 214 Whitechapel Road, E1. 7247 8998 www.thlc.co.uk

Debt advice

Toynbee Hall Advice Service

28 Commercial Street, E1. 7392 2953 advice@toynbeehall.org.uk www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Fair Money Advice

530 Commercial Road, E1. 7702 8032 www.fairfinance.org.uk

Island Advice Centre

Island House, Roserton Street Isle of Dogs, E14. 7987 9379 www.island-advice.org.uk

National Debt line

0808 808 4000 www.nationaldebtlne.co.uk

Step Change Debt Charity

0800 138 111 www.stepchange.org



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Cleaner, safer, greener



Terry Fisher, Gary Collins, Farid Nainia and Pat McNulty of the Green Team, in Poplar Park

A cheerful spring, thanks to Green Team

AS the weather cheers up, the borough's parks are springing into life thanks to the dedicated work of the council's Green Team.

The service's 20 gardeners are responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of 160 parks and open spaces. They have spent the winter making sure that the parks look clean, attractive and are safe for park users.

Responsibilities for the team include grass cutting, planting, flower bed maintenance, unlocking and closing of the park gates, and checking play structures for damage. The team also provide specialist care of the bowling greens around the borough.

The team have recently taken delivery of eight new caged vehicles designed to improve

their efficiency in dealing with issues in the parks and transporting material and staff between parks.

Report any cleansing or general maintenance issues to the Green Team via the Find It, Fix it, Love it app or call 7364 5004.

Download the Find it, Fix it, Love it app for free at the Apple App Store or via Google Play, search for **FiFiLi**.

Cyclists told: stop for pedestrians

BY SARAH MCCLAUGHLIN

POLICE mounted an operation outside Shadwell Underground station on Cable Street, speaking to cyclists who fail to stop for pedestrians.

On February 14 and 28, officers were stationed outside the Tube station, stopping and speaking to cyclists about their behaviour.

The operation was initiated following complaints to the council's road safety team by residents about cyclists disregarding pedestrians along the cycle paths on Cable Street.

Offences can result in a fixed penalty notice (FPN) being given – so far, 20 FPNs have been handed out and more than 35 cyclists spoken to.

Sergeant Vicky Groves said: "Since starting this operation we have seen an improvement in cyclists' behaviour towards pedestrians. While engaging with the cyclists we are trying to convey the message of safety and tolerance of all road users, including pedestrians. The feedback we have received from the local residents has been extremely positive."

Deputy Mayor Cllr Ohid Ahmed said: "Cyclists need to be mindful of pedestrians even when on a cycle path. We will continue to work with the police on road safety."

Cyclists were reminded that they must give priority to pedestrians on shared paths, give them space, and ride considerately at all times.

They should not ride on footpaths or pavements except where designated for cycling.

When using segregated tracks, cyclists must keep to the side intended for them as the pedestrian side remains a pavement or footpath.

Care should be taken when passing pedestrians, especially children, older or disabled people, and allow them plenty



A cyclist is issued with a ticket for not stopping at a crossing

of room. And they should always be prepared to slow down and stop if necessary.

For more information about road safety, contact the road safety team on 7364 2221 or

email roadsafety@towerhamlets.gov.uk

To find out more about safety initiatives and book free family cycle training visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/cycling



Mr Recycle More was launched in 2008 to encourage residents to recycle more of their rubbish and help reduce the amount of landfill that is dumped every year. Recycling rates have increased over the years and you can still catch the purple robot at events around the borough. For more information, go to www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/recycling

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We are a local service for newly migrant mothers, run by migrant women. We celebrate motherhood and want to see all our children have a happy healthy future!

We offer **free** family sessions and activities for mothers of children under 5 years old, who don't have a UK or EU passport and are working towards settling in the UK.

Connecting Mums are enrolling now. call 020 7780 3112 to register with a group near you!

Our program offers:

- Free English classes
- Support to engage with positive activities
- A chance to share ideas with other mothers
- Free, fun, developmentally friendly outings and activities

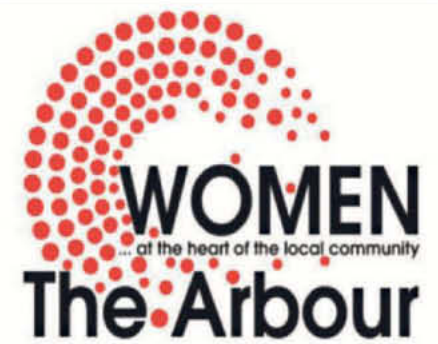
The whole course is built so that mums and children can learn together so no need to arrange child care!



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Schools news

Authors inspire young readers

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

SCHOOLS across Tower Hamlets joined in a celebration of literature, reading and writing as part of World Book Day last Thursday, March 6.

Earlier in the week Children's Laureate and prize-winning author **Anne Fine** visited Arnhem Wharf Primary School on the Isle of Dogs, where she talked to the children in assembly about her writing.

"Arnhem Wharf is a lovely school with remarkably responsive and bright children. The questions they've asked me have been fascinating. I'm absolutely delighted at how much reading goes on in the school because reading remains, as ever, the bedrock of a good education," Ms Fine said.

Head teacher Sara Haynes said: "I'm sure Anne Fine's visit has inspired the children to extend and broaden their reading. There is a lot of research



Author Anne Fine at Arnhem Wharf Primary School

which shows that children who read for pleasure are more successful in their learning than children who don't."

Author and illustrator **Petr Horacek** visited Arnhem Wharf on World Book Day itself, as part of the school's week of book-related events and activities. He ran mural workshops with pupils in year 1 and took part in

story-time sessions with children in the nursery.

Boys in year 7 at Morpeth School, Bethnal Green listened to **William Hussey**, author of the Witchfinder trilogy, who gave a talk about his teen fiction.

On Thursday **Teri Terry**, also a teen author, visited the school to give a talk to 240 pupils in year 8 about her Slated trilogy.



Be the best, say boxing champs

FORMER world boxing champions John H Stracey, John Conteh and Scott Welch encouraged children at St Mary & St Michael School, Stepney, to be the best in whatever they do, during a visit to the school.

The champions gave an inspiring talk to pupils in years 3 to 6 and showed some of their

winning shields and medals to the young audience.

(Pictured above) Maisie Callaghan, Etinosa Ojike-

Ederaro, Osman Kamara and Max Smith with boxing heroes John H Stracey, Scott Welch and John Conteh.

Pupils at Lawdale Primary School in Bethnal Green taking part in a gardening project in February 1999. Children were invited to take their own pots to plant seeds in at the school as part of a project with older people sponsored by the Peabody Trust.



Notice Of Application For Planning Permission Under Article 13 Of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 The Town And Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Date of notice: 10 March 2014

In accordance with the above act and related legislation, notice is hereby given that the application forms, plans and other documents submitted in relation to the proposal noted below may be examined at the London Legacy Development Corporation reception Level 10, 1 Stratford Place, Montfichet Road, London E20 1EJ. The reception is open from 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday by appointment only telephone number 020 3288 8820. The above documents are also available to download from the Planning Register on the Planning Policy and Decisions Team website www.londonlegacy.co.uk/planning. **Anyone who wishes to make comments about the application should write to the address below quoting the relevant Application Reference Number:** Director of Planning Policy and Decisions Team, London Legacy Development Corporation, Level 10, 1 Stratford Place, Montfichet Road, London E20 1EJ. Alternatively comments can be made by email to: planningenquiries@londonlegacy.co.uk Comments should be submitted within 21 days of the date of this notice and should be received by **31 March 2014**. **Application Reference No:** 14/00019/FUL **Application Site:** 34-38 Wallis Road Hackney Wick E9 **Description of Proposal:** Redevelopment of the site to provide 1 x part 5 and part 6 storey building and 1 x 6 storey building comprising 54 residential units, 630 sqm of A1 retail floor space and 221 sqm of B1 (a) office floorspace and associated landscaping and amenity space. **Applicant's name:** Mr David & Michael McGrath **Dated:** 10 March 2014 **Authorised by:** Anthony Hollingsworth **On Behalf of:** London Legacy Development Corporation, Planning Policy and Decisions Team.



Council information

Tower Hamlets forward planner

TOWER Hamlets Council produces a forward plan every month detailing the key decisions it will take, together with the details of

the author, and consultation undertaken. It can be found in Idea Stores, libraries, One Stop Shops and council offices or at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/data/your-council/data/forward-plan/forward-plan.cfm

Meetings

Tuesday, March 11

6.30pm: Health scrutiny panel

The meeting will consider a scrutiny review report on A&E services in Tower Hamlets and reports on older people's services and home care services.

For more information call 7364 4881 or email antonella.burgio@towerhamlets.gov.uk

6.30pm: Licensing committee

Includes an application to increase the licence fee for the London Tattoo Convention and a review of activity by the licensing team.

More details on 7364 4120 or email simmi.yesmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Wednesday, March 12

6.30pm: Human resources committee

The agenda includes a pay policy statement 2014-15 and a report on the future structure of the education, social care & wellbeing directorate.

Call 7364 4207 or email evelyn.akoto@towerhamlets.gov.uk

7pm: Development committee

Includes applications to: vary conditions of previous planning permission for

change of use to a secondary school at 24-32 Mastmaker Road, E14; and change of use from shop to restaurant at 93 New Road, E1.

Call 7364 4877 or email zoe.folley@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Thursday, March 13

6.30pm: Licensing sub-committee

Includes applications for: time limited premises licence for Victoria Park, E3 for Field Day Festival; and variation of premises licence for The Old George public house, 379 Bethnal Green Road, E2.

Contact Simmi Yesmin (details left).

7.30pm: Extraordinary strategic development committee

Includes planning applications for: 58-storey and linked 2-storey building for 568 residential units, seven guest units and retail use on land bounded by Park Place, Westferry Road & Heron Quay Road, E14; demolition of buildings at 27 Commercial Road & 29-37 Whitechurch Lane, E1 and development of 19- and 21-storey hotel with 269 bedrooms.

More details from Zoe Folley (see above).

Tower Hamlets online

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

For information on council services, including:

- report a missed rubbish collection
- make a doorstep recycling request
- report an abandoned vehicle
- bulk rubbish collections

Planning

E1

Land on corner of Quaker Street & Wheler Street – use of vacant and disused land for car wash and valeting business.

E2

49 Mowlem Street – demolition of two-storey building and construction of business use unit on ground and first floors and nine flats

on upper floors.

E14

1 Bank Street, Heron Quays West – construction of secant piled wall and associated works.

10 Bank Street, Heron Quays West – construction of secant piled wall and associated works.

Quay House, Admirals Way – request for scoping opinion re. information required for environmental impact

assessment in support of application for: up to 505 residential units, including affordable housing; approximately 250 sq m retail space; approximately 3,600 sq m amenity space (including private and communal amenity space); approximately 1,280 sq m child play space; and two basement levels and two levels above ground to accommodate car parking, cycle stores, storage and plant.

Drug treatment providers

Community Drug Team

Substitute prescribing, key working, health screening & referral to residential treatment.

71 Johnson Street, E1.

7790 1344

www.lifeline.org.uk

Nafas

Support with a focus on Bangladeshi community.

The Davenant Centre, 179-181 Whitechapel Road, E1 7377 0676.

Harbour Recovery Centre

In-patient detox for 18+ males.

Riverside House, 4th Floor, 20 Garford Street, E14.

7538 9421

Young People's Service

Treatment for under-19s

Unit 26, Skyline Village, Limeharbour, E14.

3069 7878

www.lifeline.org.uk

Isis

For women aged over 18

c/o Hopetown Hostel, 60 Old Montague Street, E1.

7426 0399

www.compass-uk.org

Community Alcohol Team

Unit 22, Skylines Village

Limeharbour, E14.

0800 008 7200

www.rapt.org.uk

Somali Substance Misuse

Help, advice & referral for people with khat, alcohol or drug issues.

Contact Idriis Elmi.

Mind in Tower Hamlets & Newham, Open House 13 Whitethorn Street, E3.

7510 1081

Procurement is way to GO

BY MEHREEN HUSSAIN

THE council has been shortlisted for a national award for the procurement work it has undertaken to deliver social care services in the borough.

Tower Hamlets has reached the finals of the national Government Opportunities (GO) Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2014/15 in the category for GO Procurement Innovation or Initiative of the Year Award for health and health-related organisations.

The nomination was for the work the council has done in

promoting the development of a consortia made up of local third sector organisations that are able to bid competitively for social care tenders; it has further developed ways of procuring services that enable and support successful consortia tenders.

The initiative included changing both the council's internal procurement procedures and processes, and the way the council engages with local social care providers.

The council has so far completed three major procurement exercises resulting in successful services being commissioned which have

provided greater benefits to local people and added value for the council.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "This is a fantastic recognition, especially given the record level of competition from across the UK for these awards."

Grahame Steed, lead judge in this year's awards, said: "This year's submissions into the National GO Awards demonstrated the incredible breadth and depth of activity, innovation and commitment across the sector."

The National GO Awards 2014/15 will be held in Birmingham on March 19.

Blackwall Way road closures

BLACKWALL Way in Poplar has been closed between Baffin Way and the entrance to the Ibis Hotel as part of the Crossrail project.

Contractors are installing de-watering pumps and pipes to remove water during the construction of the cross passages within the tunnel.

The road will therefore remain closed to through traffic until the end of August this year.

The entrances and exits to all premises in Blackwall Way will remain open for business as usual.



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7364 5000

Hotline numbers

Housing benefits – 7364 5001
Council tax – 7364 5002
Parking services – 7364 5003
Streetline – 7364 5004
Adult social care – 7364 5005
Children's services – 7364 5006
Pest and noise nuisance –
7364 5007
Environmental health,
trading standards & licensing
– 7364 5008
Planning & development
– 7364 5009
Business rates – 7364 5010
Recruitment line – 7364 5011
Electoral services – 7364 0872
Tower Hamlets Homes
– 7364 5015
Healthline – 7364 5016

General enquiries

For other council enquiries call
7364 5020.

Useful housing numbers

Housing repairs
– 0800 376 1637
Tenancy support – 7364 5544
Housing advice (E14)
– 7364 7507
Housing advice (E1, E2 or E3)
– 7364 3558
Homeless service – 7364 7474
Choice-based lettings
– 7364 0244
Homeseekers – 0845 270 2400

Switchboard

If you know the name of the person or department you need to contact, call the switchboard on 7364 5000.

CELEBRATING THE 1000th ISSUE OF EAST END LIFE 1000

The borough has changed remarkably since East End Life was first published. Borough archivist Malcolm Barr-Hamilton started working for the council in 1995. "The change that has taken place is phenomenal," he told East End Life. "The picture I have chosen is of the Moulders Arms in Bromley High Street. It is one of more than 2,500 taken by Mrs Clara Ely in the late 1980s and early 1990s. "She went all over the borough taking photographs and donated them to the Local History Library and Archives. "Thanks to her, we have a brilliant record of what the borough looked like on the cusp of a period of great change.



"The Moulders Arms pub has since been demolished and, if it had

not been for Mrs Ely, we would have no record of what it looked like."

PHOTO: Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives.

Report it!

To report an incident, use these 24-hour freephone numbers:
Non-emergency crimes – 101
Textphone – 18001 101

If a crime is in progress, there is an emergency or if anyone is in immediate danger dial 999.

The council's domestic violence team can provide information, signposting and referrals to local services. Bengali speakers available 0800 279 5434 (office hours)

24-hour domestic violence national helpline

0808 2000 247
Haven Whitechapel (sexual assault referral centre)
7247 4787
Karma Nirvana (Honour Network Helpline)
0800 5999 247
Broken Rainbow (LGBT domestic violence)
0845 260 4460
Black Women's Health & Family Support
8980 3503
Rights of Women (legal advice)

7251 6577

Victim Support Line

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Victim Support Tower Hamlets
8555 8254
NSPCC Child Protection Helpline
0800 800 5000
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0800 1111
Shelterline
0808 800 4444
Respect (for perpetrators)
0845 122 8609
Reunite (advice about

child abduction)

0116 2556 234
Men's Advice Helpline
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Samaritans
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Trading standards

Consumer Direct: 08454 040506

Walk-in services

One Stop Shops

Bethnal Green – 1 Rushmead, off Bethnal Green Road, E2
Bow & North Poplar – John Onslow House, 1 Ewart Place, E3
South Poplar – 15 Market Square, Chrisp Street, E14
Stepney & Wapping – Idea Store Watney Market, 260 Commercial Road, E1.
Open Mon-Fri, 9am, doors close at 4.30pm. Sat, 9am, doors close 12.30pm at Rushmead and Idea Store Watney Market only.

Idea Stores

Bow – Gladstone Place, E3.
Canary Wharf – Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, E14.
Chrisp Street – Vesey Path, E14.
Whitechapel – 321 Whitechapel Road, E1.
7364 4332
Watney Market – Commercial E1. 7364 4332
All open: Mon to Thurs, 9am-9pm; Fri, 9am-6pm; Sat, 9am-5pm. Sundays – Bow and Chrisp Street open, 10am-4pm; Whitechapel, 11am-5pm; and Canary Wharf, 12-6pm.

Libraries

Bethnal Green – Cambridge Heath Road, E2. 8980 3902
Cubitt Town – Strattondale Street, E14. 7987 3152
All open: Mon, Tues, Weds & Fri, 10am-6pm; Thurs, 10am-8pm; Sat, 9am-5pm.
Local History Library and Archives – 277 Bancroft Road, E1. Open Tues, 10am-5pm; Weds, 9am-5pm; Thurs, 9am-8pm; Sat (1st & 3rd of the month), 9am-5pm.
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Inkastoo sigaar dhuuqistu hoos u dhacday



Tower Hamlets, haddana weli iyada ugu badan marka la barbar dhigo gobolada kale ee London, oo in ka badan 45,000 oo dadka waaweyn ah ayaa tiisi oo aha boqolkiiba 24.5 marka loo eego boqolkiiba 21 oo London ah.

Cllr Abdul Asad, xubinta kabinetka ee caafimaadka ayaa, yidhi: “Tower Hamlets waxay idiin haysaa adeegyo door ah oo kala gedisan, oo cid walba baahidiisa waafaqsan. Guud ahaan sannadkii la soo dhaafay adeegyada deegaanka ee joojiya sigaarku, waxay kaalmeey 1,400 oo qof.”

Dr Sam Everington, dhakhtar deegaanka aha islamarkaana ah guddoomiyaha Golaha Kooxda Kilinigyadaa Tower Hamlets ee NHS-ta, ayaa yidhi: “Haddaad

joojiso sigaarka waxaad naftaada iyo kuwa qaata qiika sigaarka aad ufuufdo, waxaa yaraanaysa in aad qaadaan kansarka sonbobka. Waxaanu u foajiganahay in aanu dadka ka taageerno halista uu sigaarku leeyahay oo fahamsiino, ciddii joojinaeysana aanu ku kaalmayno tamartii u fududayn lahayd.

Way adag tahay joojintu, laakiin waa la samayn karaa. Muhimadu waa in aad ku dhiirato in aad bilawdo.”

Haddaba maalinta Arbacada ee 12ka Maarij, ku hako meelahan si aad macluumaad dheeraad ah u hesho: Iridka weyn ee Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel Road, E1 – 9am-4pm; Saylada Chrisp Street, Poplar, E14 – 10am-2pm.

Waxaa kale oo jira xiisado iska joogto ah oo aad tegi kartotodobaad walba.

Faahfaahin dheeraad ah fadlan iyo meelaha aad ka helay sid booqo: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/getthehealthy

বারার তিন চতুর্থাংশ ছাত্র-ছাত্রী তাদের প্রথম পছন্দের সেকেন্ডারি স্কুলে ভর্তির সুযোগ পেয়েছে

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টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে আগামী সেপ্টেম্বর মাসে শুরু হওয়া সেকেন্ডারি স্কুলের শিক্ষার্থীদের মধ্যে তিন চতুর্থাংশেরও বেশি তাদের প্রথম-পছন্দের স্কুলে ভর্তির সুযোগ পেয়েছে।

শতকরা হিসাবে এই হার হচ্ছে ৭৭ দশমিক ৫৭ শতাংশ, যা লন্ডনের মধ্যে তৃতীয় সর্বোচ্চ। গত বছর এই হার ছিলো ৭১.১২ পার সেন্ট। চলতি বছর লন্ডনের গড় হার হচ্ছে ৬৯.২১ শতাংশ।

সামগ্রিকভাবে, প্যান-লন্ডন কো-অর্ডিনেটেড এডমিশন স্কিমের আওতা টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে ৯৭ দশমিক ২২ শতাংশ শিক্ষার্থী তাদের শীর্ষ তিন পছন্দের স্কুলের একটিতে ভর্তির সুযোগ পেয়েছে, যা গত বারের তুলনায় ৬.১৭ শতাংশ বেশি। গত বার এই হার ছিলো ৯১.০৫ শতাংশ।

মেয়র, লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, বিপুল সংখ্যক পরিবার তাদের প্রথম পছন্দের স্কুলে বাচ্চাদের ভর্তি করতে সক্ষম হয়েছেন দেখে আমি খুবই সন্তুষ্ট। তিনি বলেন, শিক্ষার্থীদের সংখ্যা বৃদ্ধির কারণে এবং স্কুলগুলোর শিক্ষার মান বাড়ায় টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের স্কুলগুলোর আসনের চাহিদা অনেক বেড়ে গেছে। শিক্ষার মান বৃদ্ধির কারণে এখন অভিভাবকরাও চান তাদের বাচ্চারা এখানে লেখাপড়া করুক।

সারা লন্ডনের মতো টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসেও স্কুল-আসন এর চাহিদা ক্রমেই বেড়ে চলেছে। আগামী ১০ বছরে আমাদের সর্বমোট প্রাইমারী ও সেকেন্ডারি বয়সী বাচ্চাদের সংখ্যা প্রায় ৪০ শতাংশ বৃদ্ধি পাবে বলে এক পরিসংখ্যানে দেখা গেছে। এত বিপুল সংখ্যক শিক্ষার্থীর আসন নিশ্চিত করতে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল গোট্টা বরায়

সমন্বিত স্কুল সম্প্রসারণ প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন করে চলেছে। বিভিন্ন স্কুল সংস্কার ও নতুন সেকেন্ডারি স্কুল ভবন নির্মাণ কাজ এগিয়ে চলেছে। আগামী জুন মাসের বো স্কুল নির্মাণ কাজ শেষ হবে। ৭৫০ আসনের শুধুমাত্র বালকদের জন্য বর্তমান বো স্কুলটির নতুন ভবন নির্মাণ কাজ শেষ হলে ১৬০০ ছেলে মেয়ে সেখানে ভর্তি হতে পারবে। প্রথমবারের মতো এখানে চালু হবে সিক্সথ ফর্ম।

কেবিনেট মেম্বর ফর স্কুলস্, কাউন্সিলর ওলিউর রহমান বলেন, বারার অধিকাংশ শিক্ষার্থী যাতে তাদের শীর্ষ তিন পছন্দের মধ্যে একটি স্কুলে ভর্তি হতে পারে, তা নিশ্চিত করতে আমরা কঠোর পরিশ্রম করে যাচ্ছি। এর ফলে ৯৭ শতাংশ শিশু শিক্ষার্থী এবার তাদের পছন্দের স্কুলে ভর্তি হতে সক্ষম হয়েছে। এই হার বাড়াতো আমরা আমাদের চেষ্টা অব্যাহত রাখবো।



Delegates at the conference

Dugsiguu cugtuu araday weliba meel ka fadhiistay

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IN ka badan afar dalooloo, sedex dalool ayaa arday u gudbeysa dugsiyada sare bisha Sebtemnar, ayaa meel ka helay dugsigii koowaad ee ay codsadeen.

Tirada – 77.57 boqolkiiba – waa ta sedexaad ee ugu saraysa guud ahaan London, kana saraysa tii kal hore ee ahayd, markay 71.12 boqolkiiba halkii ay doorbideen. Isku celcelin sannadkan London waa 69.21 boqolkiiba. Guud ahaan Tower Hamlets, 97.22 boqolkiiba ayaa ku guuleystey in ay helaan dugsi ugu horeeye, sedexdii dugsi ay doorteen.

Waxaa jirta in baahida loo

qabo in aad meel ka hesho dugsiyada Tower Hamlets, sida London oo dhanba ay uga jirto. Waxaa lagu qiyaasay wadarta carruurta u baahan dugsiyada hoose iyo kuwa sare in ay kor u sii kacayso tobanka sano ee inagu soo fool leh boqolkiiba 40.

Si baahidaa loo daboolo kawnsulku wuxuu fuliyey barnaamijka kordhinta dugsiyada, waanu sii wadayaa isaga oo dhamaystiraya, dugsiya cusub ee Bow bisha Juun, kaasi oo qaadkiisu noqon doono 750- dugsiya wiilash iyo isku jirka hablaha iyo wiilasha 1,600 arday, iyo weliba isaga oo yeelanaya

foomka lixaad markii ugu horeysey.

Waa sanadkii tobnaad ee ay suurtoogashay in waalidku helo dugsiguu ilmihisa u doorbi-day. Waalidku wuxuu buuxiyaa foom keliya, kaas oo ay wadaagaan gonolada London oo dhammi.

Isniintii, Marij 3 ayaa waalidiinta warqad loo diray lagu ogeysiinayo, natiijadii arajigooda.

Haddaba waalidiinta gefey in ay helaan halkay doorteen waxaa lagu marti qaaday in ay yimaadaan meel ka dalbadaan, maadaama ay Tower Hamlets hayso meelo banaan.

“আপনার ঐতিহাসিক উপাসনালয়ের প্রতি যত্নশীল হোন” শীর্ষক কনফারেন্স অনুষ্ঠিত

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টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিলের উদ্যোগে সম্প্রতি “আপনার ঐতিহাসিক উপাসনালয়ের প্রতি যত্নশীল হোন” শীর্ষক এক কনফারেন্স অনুষ্ঠিত হয়।

প্রথমবারের মতো অনুষ্ঠিত এই কনফারেন্সে বিভিন্ন ধর্ম বিশ্বাসীরা অংশ নিয়ে বারার ঐতিহাসিক উপাসনালয়গুলোর সংরক্ষণ নিয়ে তারা যেসব ইস্যুর মুখোমুখি হচ্ছেন, তা নিয়ে আলোচনা করেন।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে অনেক ঐতিহাসিক উপাসনালয় রয়েছে, যা বারার বৈচিত্র্যতাকে আরো সমৃদ্ধ করে যাচ্ছে। বিশেষ স্থাপত্য শৈলী এবং ঐতিহাসিক মূল্য বিবেচনায় অনেকগুলো উপাসনালয় লিষ্টেড বিল্ডিং হিসেবে নির্দিষ্ট রয়েছে। এগুলোর মধ্যে কিছু কিছু বিল্ডিং ভিন্ন ধর্ম বিশ্বাসীদের উপাসনালয় হিসেবে ব্যবহৃত হচ্ছে। বোর গুরুদুয়ারা শিখ সংগত এক সময় ছিলো চ্যাপল এবং ব্রিক লেন জামে মসজিদ এক সময় ছিলো সিনাগগ।

যাহোক, বর্তমান অর্থনৈতিক দুরাবস্থা সহ বিভিন্ন কারণে বড় ধরনের ঐতিহাসিক বিল্ডিং গুলোর যথাযথ রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ করা খুবই দূর হইয়ে পড়ে। বিভিন্ন সময়ের ধর্মীয় উপাসনায় কম লোকের উপস্থিতি এবং সীমিত অর্থ উপার্জনের প্রভাব ঐতিহাসিক উপাসনালয়গুলোর সঠিক সংরক্ষণের ওপর পড়ছে।

এই সব সমস্যা সমাধানের লক্ষ্যে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল এবং ইংলিশ হ্যারিটেজ এর যৌথ পার্টনারশীপের ভিত্তিতে ২০১৩ সালের জুলাই মাসে চালু করা হয় “দ্যা টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ হিস্টোরিক প্রেস অব ওরশিপ সাপোর্ট স্কিম”। টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের বিভিন্ন ধর্ম বিশ্বাসীরা যাতে করে তাদের ঐতিহাসিক বিল্ডিংগুলো দেখাভাল করতে সক্ষম হন, সেজন্য তাদেরকে পরামর্শ ও সহায়তা দেয়াটাই এই স্কীমে লক্ষ্য।

নির্বাহী মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, এই বারায় অনেকগুলো ঐতিহাসিক ধর্মীয় উপাসনালয় রয়েছে, যেগুলো আমাদের বহু-বিশ্বাসী

কমিউনিটিগুলোর উপাসনালয় হিসেবে ব্যবহৃত হচ্ছে এবং আমাদের পারস্পরিক সহাবস্থানের ঐতিহাসিক চেতনাকে তুলে ধরছে। কিভাবে আমরা আমাদের ঐতিহাসিক বিল্ডিংগুলোকে সংরক্ষণ করতে পারি, সেসম্পর্কে সকল ধর্ম বিশ্বাসীদের একত্রিত করে নিজেদের আইডিয়া ও অভিজ্ঞতা বিনিময় করার পাশাপাশি এক সাথে কাজ করার সুযোগ করে দিয়েছে এই স্কীম।

কেবিনেট মেম্বর ফল হাউজিং, ডেভেলপমেন্ট এন্ড রিনিউয়াল, কাউন্সিলর রাবিনা খান বলেন, কমিউনিটির ভিন্ন ভিন্ন অংশকে একত্রিত করেছে এই দ্যা হিস্টোরিক প্রেস অব ওরশিপ স্কীম। এর ফলে কিভাবে আমরা বারার গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ও ঐতিহাসিক বিল্ডিংগুলোকে সংরক্ষণ করবো, তা নিয়ে সম্মিলিতভাবে কাজ করার সুযোগ পাবো।

ব্যানক্রফট রোড লাইব্রেরীতে অনুষ্ঠিত এই কনফারেন্সে বারার বিভিন্ন ধর্ম বিশ্বাসী গ্রুপ থেকে থেকে ৩৯ প্রতিনিধি এবং ইংলিশ হ্যারিটেজ ও কাউন্সিলের অফিসাররা অংশ নেন।



Harmony

তরুণদের আইটি দক্ষতা বাড়াতে বিশেষ প্রকল্প চালু

New initiative to address the IT skills shortage

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ বারার তরুণ বয়সীদের তথ্য প্রযুক্তি ক্ষেত্রে দক্ষতা বাড়ানোর লক্ষ্যে ওয়ার্কশেয়ার, রাসবেরি পি এবং দ্যা বিসিএস - চার্টার্ড ইন্সটিটিউট অব আইটি'র সাথে মিলে কাউন্সিল একটি প্রকল্প চালু করেছে।

দ্যা রাসবেরি পি প্রজেক্টের লক্ষ্য হলো কোডিং দক্ষতা উন্নত করার মাধ্যমে তরুণদের কম্পিউটার সায়েন্সে সম্পৃক্ত করা এবং ইন্টারনেশীপ প্রদান করার মাধ্যমে ভিন্ন ভিন্ন আইটি কেরিয়ার সম্পর্কে তাদের সচেতনতা বাড়ানো।

সায়েন্স, টেকনোলোজি, ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ও ম্যাথ-মেট্রিক্স (এসটিইএম, বা স্টিম) বিষয়ে শিক্ষার্থীদের দক্ষতা বাড়ানোর গুরুত্বের ওপর বিশেষভাবে নজর দিতে এবং দেশের প্রযুক্তি শিল্পে আইটি স্কিলের যে শূন্যতা বিরাজ করছে তা মোকাবেলায় সহায়তা করতে এই উদ্যোগ নেয়া হয়েছে।

এই উদ্যোগ তরুণ বয়সীদের প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ব সম্পর্কে পরিষ্কার ধারণা পেতে সাহায্য করবে এবং ওয়ার্কশেয়ার এর মতো আন্তর্জাতিক প্রযুক্তি-ভিত্তিক কোম্পানীতে কাজ করার মাধ্যমে ভবিষ্যত কেরিয়ার গড়ে তুলতে তাদের সাহায্য করবে।

মেয়র, লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, শীর্ষ স্থানীয় সংগঠনগুলো অন্যতম কয়েকটির সাথে পার্টনারশীপের ভিত্তিতে কাজ করতে পেরে আমি খুবই সন্তুষ্ট। কারণ, তারা শুধু আমাদের তরুণ



Youngsters learning new skills on the course

প্রজন্মকে দক্ষই করে তুলবে না, একই সাথে তাদের ভবিষ্যত সম্ভাবনাকে আরো বিস্তৃত করবে।

তিনি বলেন, তরুণ বয়সীরা যাতে তাদের সম্ভাবনাগুলো খুঁজে বের করতে পারে, সেজন্য তাদেরকে উদ্বুদ্ধ করার এই উদ্যোগ নিঃসন্দেহে

অসাধারণ। বিশেষ করে এই কর্মসূচি শেষ হওয়ার পর যখন তাদেরকে ওয়ার্কশেয়ার এ ইন্টারশীপ দেয়া হবে, তা ভবিষ্যত কেরিয়ারকে সমৃদ্ধ করবে।

কর্মসূচিতে অংশগ্রহণকারী শিক্ষার্থীরা কর্মসূচি

শেষে নিজেদের এপ্লিকেশন তৈরীর একটি কম্পিউশনে অংশ নেবে, যা ওয়ার্কশেয়ার ও আই-টি ইন্ডাস্ট্রির অভিজ্ঞ বিচারকদের একটি প্যানেলের সামনে উপস্থাপন করা হবে। শীর্ষ তিন শিক্ষার্থীকে ওয়ার্কশেয়ার এ বেতন সহ ইন্টারশীপ দেয়া হবে।

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এওয়ার্ডের জন্য শর্টলিষ্টেড হলো কাউন্সিল

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ বারায় সোশ্যাল কেয়ার সার্ভিসেস প্রদানের ক্ষেত্রে অনবদ্য ত্রয় নীতি অনুসরণ করার স্বীকৃতি স্বরূপ কাউন্সিল “ন্যাশনাল এওয়ার্ড ফর প্রোকিউরমেন্ট” এর জন্য শর্টলিষ্টেড হয়েছে।

ন্যাশনাল গভর্নমেন্ট অপরচুনিটিজ (জিও) এর এন্সেলেস ইন্ পাবলিক প্রোকিউরমেন্ট এওয়ার্ড ২০১৪/১৫ এর স্বাস্থ্য এবং স্বাস্থ্য সম্পর্কিত সংস্থার জন্য জিও প্রোকিউরমেন্ট ইনোভেশন বা ইনিশিয়েটিভ ক্যাটাগরিতে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল ফাইনালিস্ট হওয়ার গৌরব অর্জন করে।

সোশ্যাল কেয়ার টেন্ডার বা দরপত্র প্রক্রিয়াকে আরো প্রতিযোগিতাপূর্ণ ও স্বচ্ছ করার লক্ষ্যে কাউন্সিল থার্ড সেক্টর অর্গানাইজেশন হিসেবে পরিচিত স্থানীয় স্বৈচ্ছাসেবী সংগঠনগুলোর সমন্বয়ে একটি কনসোর্টিয়াম গড়ে তুলে।

এই উদ্যোগের মধ্যে আরো রয়েছে কাউন্সিলে অভ্যন্তরীণ ত্রয় পদ্ধতি ও প্রক্রিয়ায় পরিবর্তন এবং স্থানীয় কেয়ার সার্ভিস প্রদানকারীদের সাথে কাউন্সিলের সম্পৃক্ততার পন্থায় পরিবর্তন আনা।

জাতীয় এওয়ার্ডের জন্য ফাইনালিস্ট হওয়ার খবরে সন্তুষ্ট প্রকাশ করে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের মেয়র, লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, এটি নিঃসন্দেহে চমৎকার একটি স্বীকৃতি। বিশেষ করে সারা যুক্তরাজ্য থেকে আসা নমিনেশন থেকে বাছাই হয়ে চূড়ান্তপর্বে আসাটো অনেক বড় অর্জন।

ওয়াপিং উডস্ এ লাইটিং ও সিসিটিভি স্থাপন

কাউন্সিলের উদ্যোগে ওয়াপিং উডস্ এলাকার নিরাপত্তা বাড়ানোর উদ্যোগকে স্থানীয় জনসাধারণ স্বাগত জানিয়েছেন। ২০১২ সালের শেষ নাগাদ ও ২০১৩ সালের শুরুতে স্থানীয় বাসিন্দাদের কাছ থেকে এলাকার সার্বিক নিরাপত্তা নিয়ে উদ্বেগ ও উৎকণ্ঠা সম্পর্কে কাউন্সিল অবহিত হওয়ার পর একটি প্রকল্প গ্রহণ করে।

প্রকল্পের দ্বিতীয় পর্যায়ে ওয়াপিং উডস্ এর ভিতরে ও চারপাশে চলতি মাসেই লাগানো হবে নতুন সিসিটিভি ক্যামেরা।

ডেপুটি মেয়র অব টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্, কাউন্সিলর আহিদ আহমদ বলেন, স্থানীয় বাসিন্দাদের কাছ থেকে সরাসরি পাওয়া উদ্বেগের প্রেক্ষিতে এই স্কীম গ্রহণ করা হয়। এর মাধ্যমে এটাই প্রমাণ হয় যে, আমরা জনসাধারণের নিরাপত্তা সংক্রান্ত উদ্বেগের কথা গুরুত্ব দিয়ে শুনে থাকি এবং সে অনুযায়ী পদক্ষেপ নিয়ে থাকি।

এই উন্নয়ন প্রকল্পের মধ্যে ছিলো অত্যাধুনিক এলইডি লাইটিং স্থাপন, যা পুরো এলাকাকে অধিকতর উজ্জ্বলতা দিয়েছে। পার্ল এবং পেনাং স্ট্রিটের এস্টেটের চারপাশের দেয়ালে লাইট লাগানো হয়েছে।

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নানা কর্মসূচির মধ্য দিয়ে পালিত

হচ্ছে আন্তর্জাতিক নারী সপ্তাহ

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আন্তর্জাতিক নারী সপ্তাহ উদযাপন উপলক্ষে সামাজিক, রাজনৈতিক ও অর্থনৈতিক ক্ষেত্রে নারীদের সাফল্য তুলে ধরতে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে পুরো মার্চ মাস জুড়ে নানা কর্মসূচি পালিত হচ্ছে।

এ বছরের আন্তর্জাতিক নারী সপ্তাহের মূল প্রতিপাদ্য বিষয় হচ্ছে “উদ্দীপক পরিবর্তন”।

প্রতি বছর ৩ থেকে ৯ মার্চ সারা বিশ্বে সপ্তাহটি নানা আনুষ্ঠানিকতার মধ্য দিয়ে পালিত হয়ে থাকে।

মহিলাদের ইতিহাসের মাস হিসেবে মার্চ মাস পালিত হয়। টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল মহিলাদের সাফল্যকে উদযাপন করতে বিভিন্ন কমিউনিটি গ্রুপের সাথে অংশিদারীত্বের ভিত্তিতে বিভিন্ন ধরনের কর্মসূচি গ্রহণ করেছে।

এ প্রসঙ্গে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ এর মেয়র, লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, লিঙ্গ সমতা ও নারীর ক্ষমতায়নকে তুলে ধরতে আন্তর্জাতিক নারী সপ্তাহ এবং উইম্যান্স হিস্ট্রি মাস উপলক্ষে নেয়া নানা কর্মসূচি ঘোষনা করতে পেরে আমি সত্যিই খুবই আনন্দিত।

আন্তর্জাতিক নারী সপ্তাহ উদযাপন উপলক্ষে কাউন্সিলের স্পোর্টস্ ডেভেলপমেন্ট টিম এবং স্পোর্টস্ ফর উইম্যান্স প্রোগ্রামের উদ্যোগে মহিলাদের জন্য বিভিন্ন ধরনের খেলাধুলা ও কর্মসূচি গ্রহণ করা হয়েছে। এর মধ্যে রয়েছে, ৮ মার্চ শনিবার বেলা ১২টা থেকে ৫টা পর্যন্ত হে কুরি স্ট্রিটের (ই১৪) স্পটলাইট এ জুম্বা, বলিউড ডান্স

ও সাইকেলিং; ১১ মার্চ মঙ্গলবার বিকাল ৪টা থেকে ৯টা পর্যন্ত ওল্ড ফোর্ড রোডের (ই২) ইয়র্ক হল লেজার সেন্টারে হালের ফিটনেস ক্রেজ বকওয়া, চিয়ারলিডিং, বলিউড ডান্স ও ওয়াটার এ্যারোবিক; ১২ মার্চ বুধবার টিলার রোডের (ই১৪) টিলার লেজার সেন্টারে ব্রাজিলিয়ান ডান্স, সুইমিং, বক্সিং, বিউটি ট্রিটমেন্ট, ওয়াটার ওয়ার্কআউট, মাম এন্ড টডলার ডান্স; ১৩ মার্চ বৃহস্পতিবার সকাল ১০টা থেকে বেলা ২.৩০টা পর্যন্ত ক্যাবল স্ট্রিটের (ই১) সেন্ট জর্জ লেজার সেন্টারে মহিলাদের হেলথ ওয়াক ও সুইমিং; ১৪ মার্চ শুক্রবার বিকাল ৬টা থেকে ৭টা পর্যন্ত রডসওয়েল রোরে (ই১৪) মাইল এন্ড স্টেডিয়ামে মহিলাদের জন্য ফুটবল সেমন।

এদিকে, ৮ মার্চ শনিবার বেলা ১২টা থেকে ৫টা পর্যন্ত হ্যানবারি স্ট্রিটের ব্রাডি আর্টস্ সেন্টারে অনুষ্ঠিত হয় সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠান। ১৩ থেকে ১৯ বছর বয়সী (বিশেষ শিক্ষা চাহিদা সম্পন্নদের ক্ষেত্রে ২৫ বছর) মেয়েদের জন্য বিশেষ এই সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠানে প্যারালিম্পিয়ান মার্টিন রাইট এবং ৭/৭ বোমা হামলায় প্রাণে বেঁচে যাওয়াদের একজন অতিথি বক্তা হিসেবে উপস্থিত ছিলেন।

১৫ মার্চ শনিবার টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ লকাল হিস্ট্রি লাইব্রেরী এন্ড আর্কাইভে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের কৃষ্ণাঙ্গ ও এশিয়ান মহিলাদের জীবন ও কর্মের ওপর একটি বিশেষ আলোকচিত্র প্রদর্শনী।



Boishakhi Mela: Bengali New Year in style in 2008

বাংলা নব বর্ষ উদযাপন উপলক্ষে ১৯৯৭ সালে প্রথম তৃতীয় বাংলার রাজধানী খ্যাত ব্রিক লেনে শুরু হয়েছিলো বৈশাখী মেলা। সেই থেকে প্রতি বছর বিপুল উৎসাহ উদ্দীপনার মধ্য দিয়ে অনুষ্ঠিত হচ্ছে প্রবাসী বাংলা ভাষাভাষি জনগোষ্ঠির প্রাণের মেলা “বৈশাখী মেলা”। ব্রিক লেন থেকে শুরু হওয়ায় মেলার পরিসর এখন বিস্তৃত হয়েছে উইভার্স ফিল্ড গার্ডেন, এ্যালান গার্ডেনে। প্রতি বছর লাখে মানুষের প্রাণজ উপস্থিতিতে মেলা পরিণত হয় বাঙালির মিলন মেলায়। বাংলার শিল্প সংস্কৃতির কৃষ্টিকে তুলে ধরা হয় এই মেলায়। পাশাপাশি বহুজাতিক এই সমাজের প্রতিনিধিত্বও নিশ্চিত করা হয়। বিভিন্ন সংস্কৃতির উপস্থাপনা উপভোগ করেন বাঙালির পাশাপাশি ভিন্ন সংস্কৃতির মানুষেরা। এভাবেই কমিউনিটির মধ্যে গড়ে ওঠে সাংস্কৃতিক সেতুবন্ধন। ‘এক টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্’ এর স্বার্থক প্রতিচ্ছবি হচ্ছে এই বৈশাখী মেলা।

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East End Life 1000

A lot of things have changed in Tower Hamlets since East End Life was first published in 1993. Our history writer, **John Rennie**, has been working on the paper since its early days. Here he looks at the East End between 1993 and now and how reports of the borough's demise were greatly exaggerated.

PERHAPS one of the most prescient takes on the future of the East End comes in the 1980 movie *The Long Good Friday*, starring Bob Hoskins as a 1960s vintage gangster trying to go legit in the emerging yuppie era. You might think of the Krays, had they been able to stay under the police radar in time to recycle their ill-gotten riches.

Hoskins' character, Harold Shand, takes a troupe of potential American backers (mafia of course) on a boat trip round the Isle of Dogs, pointing to the post-industrial decay and talking about the development possibilities. This will be a boomtown, he promises. A glittering new London of homes, shops and offices emerging around the hub of... a London Olympic Games.

The Americans in the movie look dubious, while the British cinema audiences laughed in disbelief. Few cinema-goers, even the Londoners, knew much about what was the world's biggest complex of docks – hundreds of acres of what had once been the beating heart of London's economy, now being left to rot. To imagine this wasteland as the new business heart of London was beyond fiction and into the realms of fantasy.

But within a couple of years, Margaret Thatcher's Environment Secretary, Michael Heseltine, would launch a series of tax breaks, aimed at building a new London east of the City, and we'd have to learn to call it 'Docklands'.

Visions sometimes take a while to be realised, though, and by the time East End Life was launched in November 1993, tumbleweed was blowing (metaphorically at least) through the impressive new marble canyons of Canary Wharf.

Developers Olympia and York had built a new city, but nobody had come. Docklands was a white elephant.

The borough in which it was situated meanwhile, had seen a steady drain of population since the beginning of the 20th century. In 1901, there had been 600,000 residents in the old boroughs that make up the modern-day Tower Hamlets.

By the time of the 1991 census, there were just 161,000. Was the East End in terminal decline?

The East End reborn

From Docklands to Banglatown, a lot has changed since 1993



Bob Hoskins in *The Long Good Friday*

public transport links – how was anybody to get to Canary Wharf?

But in the late 80s, the new Docklands Light Railway snaked along long-abandoned rail beds and onto the Isle of Dogs. Soon, the DLR would be heading up to Bromley, Bow and Stratford, and knitting east London together again.

In 1993, the Limehouse Link tunnel was built, allowing cars swift access from the east and Essex into the City. And by the end of the 90s, the Jubilee Line Extension would link the East End to Stratford in the east, and west to London Bridge, Waterloo and west London. Fortunately, perhaps, the East Cross route, a motorway scheme that would have sped vehicles around the capital, while laying waste to Victoria Park, was abandoned.

Fleet Street had started its journey east with the migration of News International to Wapping in the late 80s. By the mid-90s, Canada Square had become the new Fleet Street, with Mirror Group Newspapers, the Independent and the Telegraph all moving in. Increasingly too, the Isle of Dogs would be a new City of London, with tenants including Barclays, HSBC, Citigroup and JP Morgan Chase.

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“The borough everybody wanted to leave is where everybody seems to want to live today. The population has risen to around 250,000, with a high proportion of under-40s.”

We worry a lot about overcrowded London these days, but falling city populations are a bigger disaster. The rateable, taxable base collapses, making local services impossible to maintain. Schools cannot fill their classrooms, and of course local shops and



Photo: Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives

businesses see their income collapse.

But often, you don't know you're at the bottom until you look back. And through the 1990s, the East End began to recover.

The Isle of Dogs had long seemed cut off even from the rest of the East End, with poor

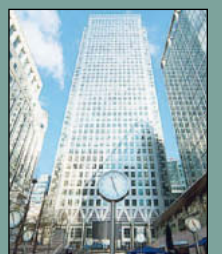
(Top& above) Canary Wharf, rising from post-industrial decay like East India Dock in 1971



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A NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR DERELICT DOCKLANDS

THE LONDON DOCKLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LDDC) WAS AN URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, ESTABLISHED IN 1981 BY THE THEN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, MICHAEL HESELTINE. ITS AIM WAS TO SECURE THE REGENERATION OF THE DOCKLANDS AREA – 8.5 SQ MILES IN TOWER HAMLETS, NEWHAM AND SOUTHWARK. IT WAS WOUND UP IN 1998.





APRIL 1999

A NAIL BOMB RIPS THROUGH THE HEART OF BRICK LANE, INJURING SEVEN PEOPLE. THE COMMUNITY UNITES IN DISGUST – NOTHING IS GOING TO STAND IN THE WAY OF RACIAL HARMONY IN TOWER HAMLETS, THE COUNCIL PLEDGES.



SEPTEMBER 2001

POPLAR FIREFIGHTERS TAKE PART IN A DAY OF MOURNING TO HONOUR THE VICTIMS, SURVIVORS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AFTER THE 9/11 ATTACKS ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE IN NEW YORK. BOROUGH FIRE COMMANDER NIGEL HALL SAID: "THE HEARTS OF ALL EAST LONDON FIREFIGHTERS GO OUT TO NEW YORK."

A review to look at future options for East End Life requested by the mayor is being concluded – and residents are being asked to give their views.

If you have comments you would like to be considered as part of the review, send them to Natalie Baker, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar E14 2BG or email **Natalie.baker@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

East End Life was first published against a background of political turmoil in Tower Hamlets. **John Rennie** looks back at that time.

TYPE 'Tower Hamlets 1993' into Google, and one story fills the front page of results... over and over again. 'Shock as racist wins council seat'; 'Tower Hamlets fights back against BNP'; 'Shock result in Millwall by-election'. And the name of Derek Beackon peppers the page.

Photographs from the night of September 16, 1993 show the unemployed lorry driver from Wapping looking slightly dazed in a blizzard of flashbulbs.

If he was shocked, how did Labour and the Liberal Democrats, who had considered Tower Hamlets by-elections a tight, two-way fight (with the Tories making up the numbers) feel about the result?

The 1990 by-election had seen Labour just hold off the Lib Dems. By 1992, the BNP made its first appearance, chipping away at both the parties with 657 votes. The 1993 breakthrough stunned local politicians – Beackon polling 33.8 per cent of the ballot, 1,480 votes, just seven ahead of the Labour candidate. But perhaps we should have seen it coming.

"The British people have had enough," declared Beackon in a resolutely predictable victory speech. "We're going to take our country back." Outside the polling station, a hundred or so BNP supporters celebrated by throwing bottles at a group of Anti-Nazi League protesters.

Racial attacks had been increasing steadily in the years leading up to Millwall. In 1992, there were 7,734 such incidents reported in England and Wales. Figures are notoriously hard to pin down – different police forces logging the same offence in different ways, the reclassification of attacks as 'racial' rather than simply violent, the unwillingness of some victims to come forward could all skew the numbers.

But some stats made grim reading – such attacks up 76 per cent since 1988, and in Tower Hamlets (where a third of the 161,000 population were non-white), 475 racial attacks reported the previous year.

Just a week before the election, 17-year-old Quddus Ali was attacked by eight men and a white woman as he walked to return a film to his local video store. Kicked into unconsciousness as he lay screaming on the pavement, Ali was in a coma for four months. Interviewed years later, his youthful ambitions to join the police thwarted by the legacy of his injuries, Quddus still had no memory of the attack.

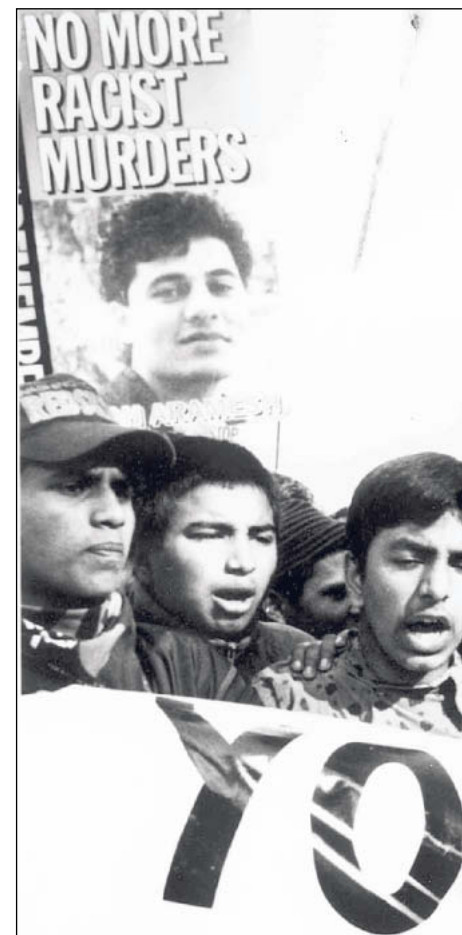
Two nights after, on September 10, at a rally outside Quddus's hospital, organised by Asian and black leaders, demonstrators pelted police with stones and bottles. Twenty-six officers were hurt.

The following Saturday night, 30 or so skin-

Staying positive of racism



Girls on an anti-racist protest in 1994



A demonstration against racist attacks in 1994

heads headed down Brick Lane, not for a curry but to threaten local people and smash shop windows. Locals questioned the commitment of the police to dealing with the attacks. Fair or not, there was a longstanding suspicion in the East End of the Met's attitude to racial violence – older residents would point to the massive police presence protecting the Blackshirts as they marched down Cable Street in October 1936.

Many politicians were not exactly helping. Winston Churchill, a politician who shared his grandfather's name, if not his political heft, had made a speech months before calling for a halt to the "relentless flow of immigrants"; Margaret Thatcher had talked about Britain being "swamped by an alien culture". And at a local level, a controversial campaign by the Liberal Focus Team, who were then running the council, backfired badly.

The late eighties and early nineties were to have been the dawn of the new Docklands. The Limehouse Link had been built and luxury flats were mushrooming on the Isle of Dogs. The only problem was they were failing to sell. Tower Hamlets Council took the decision to rehouse residents from the St Vincent Estate within the empty properties in Millwall. A pragmatic use of empty properties but the Liberals presented it as favourable treatment on grounds of race in the run-up

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to the by-election.

A by-election Beackon won, ushering in months of chaos, as the new councillor declared that he would only be working for certain of his constituents (the white ones), while council officers refused to work with him.

Most East Enders were understandably appalled that their area was becoming synonymous with racial discord, and it was in this Tower Hamlets that East End Life was launched on November 25, 1993 – "a bright new colourful newspaper to bring a positive image of east London", as the press release of the day had it. PR? Perhaps. But then there were a lot of good news stories that were being ignored. So what was in that first issue?

Positive at a time and turmoil



1994 in Whitechapel.

Chrisp Street Market was to get a £1.7million facelift (it had been a long time since the Festival of Britain in 1952). Watney Market's notorious 1960s tower block Gelston Point was to be felled and replaced at a cost of £23m. TV naturalist David Bellamy opened the Soane Centre in Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, the old Albion Brewery at Mile End was to be redeveloped as a Sainsbury's supermarket, and ground was about to be broken on the long-awaited Jubilee Line extension.

Some stories never change. Veteran local MP Peter Shore was arguing that 'exam league tables don't tell the whole story'. And educationalists argued that Tower Hamlets' schools had particular challenges... and opportunities.

Twenty one years on. What has changed? The far right hasn't deserted Tower Hamlets – they never will in a unique part of London that has ever been the first port of call for immigrants to the country. The attempts of the English Defence League to march through the borough recently, though, feels almost like a ritual nod to the past. For this was where the BNP and the National Front had marched. And before them the Blackshirts and – a couple of centuries before that – the Gordon Rioters attacked and killed their neighbours merely for having the temerity to be Irish.

The past? Because London is now unarguably a multicultural city. Tower Hamlets

“Ask most French who live here and they will say they love the diversity of London, the acceptance of difference, the lack of conformity. London has always felt more relaxed.”

Former Parisian Christophe Bouilly from Bow

may have a third of its population of Bangladeshi birth or heritage, (32 per cent against 42.5 per cent white ethnic) but this looks less remarkable in a London where only 45 per cent of the population are now white.

Of course figures from a census can only give a snapshot of the past. How many Bulgarians and Romanians now call Tower Hamlets home? How many bearded and skinny jean wearing hipsters have settled in Bethnal Green in the last few years?

And so much else has changed in London in the last 21 years. Who would have predicted in 1993 that the capital's second language would be Polish, or that by 2014 around 400,000 French citizens would be tolerat-



Veteran local MP Peter Shore addresses an education rally



The Battle of Cable Street stopped Mosley's Blackshirts in 1936

ing Anglo-Saxon cuisine and calling London home.

Former Parisian Christophe Bouilly drives from his Bow flat into Nine Elms every day, placing orders at New Covent Garden market for the London restaurant trade.

He has a wife and two small children, and no regrets about moving from Paris to London. 'Ask most French who live here and they will say the same. They love the diversity of London, the acceptance of difference, the lack of conformity. Paris is a multicultural city, but far less integrated and with far greater tensions than London, I think. And I like food! I can eat anything I want in London – Asian, African, South American, even French if I choose. To me, London has always felt relaxed.'

The truth is that after a near century of declining population, the East End is a place where people want to live.

Extremism will always be here – whether it's white fascists attacking Asians for the colour of their skin, or Islamic extremists attacking people for the immodesty of their garb or their choice to drink alcohol, but perhaps we notice them so much because they are so rare.

The story of East End Life over the past 21 years, like decades and centuries before, has been our remarkable ability to welcome, absorb and continually redefine what the East End is... and what it is to be an East Ender.

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'Our dear daughter, cause of joy and light in our eyes, is returning to her Lord. We are not finding it easy to come to terms with our loss. It's been a painful week for us and all fellow Londoners who lost dear loved ones. Our thoughts are with them'
By Ghada Razi
A family in East Ham, London, has lost a daughter to the 7/7 bombings. The family is grieving the loss of their daughter, who was 21 years old at the time of the attack. The family is seeking support and comfort from the community. The article includes a photo of the daughter and a quote from the family.

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East End Life 1000



The Olympic stadium, part of a reshaped east London



Canary Wharf Tube was built to serve the new Docklands



The DLR snakes along long-abandoned rail beds

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And if the south east of the borough was booming with the help of tax breaks and massive infrastructure projects, the north west was evolving too, in a rather more organic fashion.

Whitechapel, Spitalfields and Shoreditch had been poor but bustling areas hard on the shoulder of the City in the early years of the 20th century. But as the Jewish population dispersed and the rag trade died away, these most urban parts of the borough had a rather sad and neglected air by the early 90s.

Even with the influx of Bangladeshi immigrants, it was if there weren't quite enough people to fill the buildings.

If the developers had had their way, most of the fabric of the area would have been swept away. Only a determined campaign by the Spitalfields Historic Buildings Trust saved Fournier Street and the other terraces of weavers' houses off Brick Lane in the 1970s.

The crumbling Victorian buildings of Brick Lane itself, and the council blocks to the east, were less likely to be taken up by incoming middle class campaigners but, as so often, the impetus came from within the community. Brick Lane had long been the place to go for a cheap curry, but it now became transformed into the bustling 'Banglatown'.

And as the new millennium dawned, 11 acres of dead space at the heart of Brick Lane became one of the most important sites in the rebirth of the East End. The Truman brewery had once been the biggest brewery in the world. Now it was reborn as a maze of independent shops, markets, galleries, bars, restaurants and small businesses. With cheap floorspace, right on the edge of the City, Spitalfields became a magnet to young artists and start-up businesses. The extension of the East London Line completed the job, with a glittering new Shoreditch station rising from the rubble of the old Bishopsgate terminus.

As for the heartland of the East End... the borough with an ageing population, and that everybody wanted to leave by the 1980s



We worry about over crowded London but falling city populations are a bigger disaster. The rateable, taxable base collapses. Schools cannot fill their classrooms and local shops and businesses see their income collapse."

(Above) Brick Lane in 1990 and, right, Fiorella Shoes on Brick Lane in 1981

Photos: Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives

is where everybody seemingly wants to live today. The low of 165,000 has risen to a population of around 250,000 today, with a higher proportion of under-40s than the London average.

We're packed in... 12,000 East Enders per kilometre. And 58 per cent of us live in social housing against a London average of 25 per cent. And unemployment in Tower Hamlets is 12.7 per cent against a London average of 7.6.

The main threat for East Enders now is that they're being priced out of their own area. How many young, third generation Bangladeshi residents in Whitechapel can



afford to buy apartments in the glass towers mushrooming around Shoreditch High Street?

Like Canary Wharf before, much of the development seems to be for rich incomers. But the shape of the East End is ever-changing. Perhaps the focus is shifting eastward again. If Harold Shand could get his Olympics, then anything's possible.

Maybe 'East Village' – rising on the Olympic Park site – will provide affordable housing for East Enders? Only one thing is sure. Reports of the death of the East End, circulating widely in the early 90s, were greatly exaggerated.



FEBRUARY 2008
THE LONELY PLANET TRAVEL GUIDE BOOK NAMED THE EAST END AS LONDON'S TOP PLACE TO VISIT. IT HEAPED PRAISE ON THE COSMOPOLITAN AND REVIVED AREA, DESCRIBING IT AS THE 'REAL LONDON'. SPITALFIELDS IS HAILED AS 'LONDON'S MOST CREATIVE AND EXCITING DISTRICTS'.





Out & about

COMBINING some of Scotland and Ireland's leading Celtic musicians and a group of international salsa musicians, Salsa Celtica is a stunning combination of virtuosity and energy. The group have combined folk and salsa with such success that they have travelled the globe. Salsa Celtica are at Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1 on Thursday, March 13 at 8pm. Tickets are £13.50/£16.50 plus booking fee from <http://tinyurl.com/pmhjftt>



News in brief

Finley Quaye live

LATE-nineties Brit and Mobo award winner Finley Quaye is the star of Canary Wharf's After Hours with... event this week.

The show is at East Wintergarden, 43 Bank Street, E14 at 7.45pm (doors 7pm) this Wednesday, March 12. Tickets are £20 from Seetickets.com or on 0871 220 0260 (booking fee applies).

Synagogue history

WRITER and local historian Rachel Lichtenstein talks about her latest oral history project, Synagogue Stories.

She has been working with Sandys Row Synagogue in Spitalfields, interviewing elderly members of the congregation.

Rachel will discuss her work with photographer Phil Maxwell whose film created around the project, with Hazuan Hashim, will conclude the evening.

The event is on Thursday, March 20 from 7.30pm at Bishopsgate Institute, 230 Bishopsgate, EC2. Tickets are £9, £7 concessions.

Theatre fundraiser

THE Vagina Monologues come to the Isle of Dogs for a one-night fundraiser for a campaign opposing violence against women.

On Sunday, March 16 Goblin Baby Theatre presents a reading of Eve Ensler's award-winning play at The Space at 6pm. Tickets are £14 and are available on 7515 7799. All profits will be donated to charities Tender and Refuge as well as the V-Day Spotlight campaign.

The Space is at 269 Westferry Road, E14 at 6pm.

Comedy for charity

WEEKLY laugh fest We Love Comedy is holding a special charity night for Dementia UK this Wednesday, March 12.

US comic Al Lubel headlines, with support from John Hastings, Suzy Bennett, Gary Tro and MC Sean Brightman.

Entry is free, but expect to be asked to donate some cash to Dementia UK. Doors open at 7.30pm and the show starts at 8.15pm at the Pipeline, 94 Middlesex Street, E1. More details at www.weheartcomedy.com

Discover much more to Moore

BY RUSSELL COTMAN

LEYDEN Gallery Presents this week launches two new exhibitions – Henry Moore, Lithographs and Jake Wood-Evans Darkness Visible.

Internationally famous Moore was best known for his semi-abstract monumental bronze sculptures, which are scattered around the world as public works of art.

But he also had an interest in printmaking, which began after World War I and continued until his death in 1986.

It formed an increasingly



Paintings by Jake Wood-Evans



important part of his work from the 1970s, when he worked with specialist printers and publishers internationally, to meet a growing demand for his art.

This exhibition presents a series of prints from the Curwen Press collection.

In 1968 Moore became his own publisher, establishing a partnership with Curwen that was to last 28 years. However, the first prints he did with Curwen date back to 1958 – two editions called Eight Reclining Figures and Thirteen Standing Figures.

On his visits to the Curwen Press, Moore would search under the presses for other artists' discarded images, transforming them into his own realisations.

Darkness Visible is the first solo exhibition by Wood-Evans and celebrates his new body of oil paintings.

Taking inspiration from the works of Baroque Old Masters

such as Diego Velázquez, Sir Thomas Lawrence and George Stubbs, the young artist's dramatic use of light, echoes their work.

Evoking faded memories, the paintings depict disintegrating and dissolving moments, with bold brushstrokes, dripping oils and scored surfaces, but also fine, delicate detail, luminous skin and intense, rich layers of colour.

Wood-Evans says: "The paintings become intense labours of love. I enjoy learning everything I can from the images I'm working from."

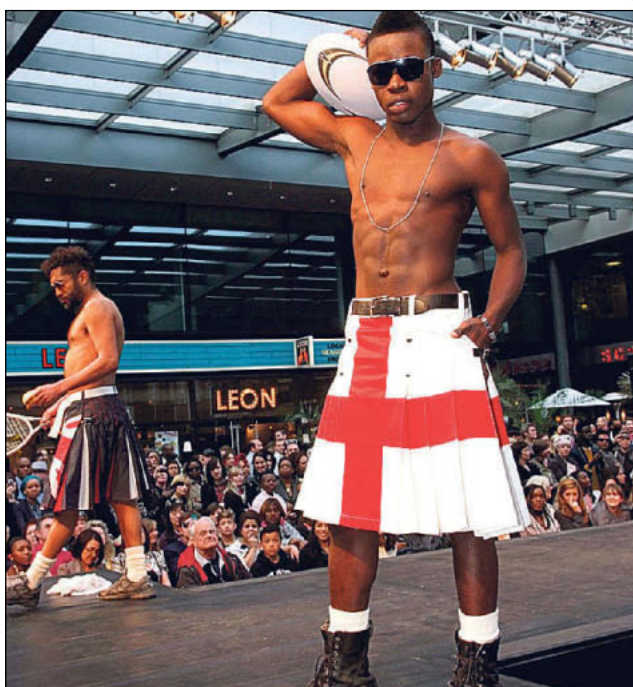
"But I have to get to a point where I start taking risks. I have to get close to losing control and obliterating the whole thing – then something interesting can happen."

Both exhibitions run from March 12 until April 26, at the gallery at 9/9a Leyden Street, Spitalfields. For more details, visit www.leydengallery.com



Henry Moore's Two women bathing child, 1973

Alternative fashionistas descended on Spitalfields Market for London Alternative Fashion Week in 2010 when men's kilts were all the rage. The week was run by Spitalfields-based Alternative Arts to raise environmental awareness and support recycling and ethical sourcing. Last year they produced the Alternative Fashion Week website featuring the most original and creative collections from new designers – visit www.alternativefashionweek.co.uk





Out and about

What's on where this week

Events

London Super Comic Convention

Hundreds of exhibitors from around the world.
£18-£32. Sat, Mar 15, 10am-6pm;
Sun, Mar 16, 10am-5pm.
ExCel London, Western
Gateway, E16.
01923 260744

Exhibitions

Becky Beasley: The Walk... in green

Photos taken from 1999-2003, passing through domestic, urban and rural settings. Free.
Until Sat, Mar 30. Weds-Sat 11am-6pm; Sun 12-6pm.
Laura Bartlett, 4 Herald Street, E2.
www.laurabartlettgallery.com

Benedict Drew, Heads May Roll

Large-scale installation attempting to make sense of the absurdity of a life spent staring into a screen. Free.
Weds-Sun, 12-6pm, until Apr 20.
Matt's Gallery, 42-44 Copperfield Road, E3.
www.mattsgallery.org

Camille Henrot: The Pale Fox

Videos, sculpture and drawings looking at the relationship between the history of the universe and the artist's studio. Free. Until Sun, Apr 13. Weds-Sun 1-6pm.
Chisenhale Gallery, 64 Chisenhale Road, E3.
8981 4518
www.chisenhale.org.uk

Music

Red Sky at Night

A weekly night of folk, roots, blues, gypsy jazz and Americana from London buskers and bands. £4.
Every Mon in March. 7pm.
Jamboree, 566 Cable Street, E1W.
www.jamboreevenue.co.uk

United Vibrations + Hyperpotamus

London four-piece United Vibrations fuse elements of jazz, afro and punk, supported by Hyperpotamus – a multi-vocal solo artist from Madrid. £10/£8. Sat, Mar 15, 8pm.
Rich Mix 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1.
7613 7498
www.richmix.org.uk

Poetry

Fjender – The Enemies Project: Danish Poetry

Danish poets read original works of avant garde/ literary poetry with British contemporaries. Featuring Morten Sondergaard, Cia Rinne, Martin Glaz Serup, SJ Fowler and Peter Jaeger. Free.
Sat Mar 15, 7pm.
Rich Mix (details above)

Theatre

Colour at Half Moon

Collaboration between students from Rose Bruford College in Kent and Arnheim Wharf Primary School exploring the lives of young

people, friendship and families. £6.
Until Mar 11 (times vary).
Half Moon Theatre, 43 White Horse Rd, E1.
7709 8900.
www.halfmoon.org.uk

Oh! What a Lovely War

The classic musical returns to mark its 50th anniversary. Until Mar 15.
Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15.
8534 0310
www.stratfordeast.com



Country Collective

Live music from up and coming country stars with Glaswegian headliners Raintown supported by singer-songwriter Gary Quinn and Hannah Jane Lewis. £15.
East Wintergarden, 43 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, E14.
Thurs, Mar 13, 7.30pm (doors 6.45pm).
0871 220 0260 Seetickets.com



In 1997 the Respect music festival was still being held in Victoria Park. Among the bands playing at the anti-racism event were The Specials, who are still touring and are due to appear at the Isle of Wight festival this summer.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2014

The Trustees of Action for Bow invite applications for grants to support summer projects in Bow East and Bow West wards.

Priority consideration will be given to diversionary out-of-school activities for young people, but projects will be welcomed that also offer some training and employment opportunities, or healthy living initiatives. Grants for these summer activities, usually not exceeding £3,000, to be available from July 2014, may be discussed with Ahmed Hussain below.

Applications and Enquiries

Please write to Ahmed Hussain at Bromley by Bow Centre, Learning Team, St Leonards Street, London E3 3BT
Call him direct on **020 8709 9729**, or email him at **ahmed.hussain@bbbc.org.uk**



Closing date for Applications: 5.00pm on Friday 4th April 2014.



Eating out, eating in

Treats await those willing to play the waiting game

BY AVARICIOUS ARCHIE

THE Jamaican Maroons are descended from Africans who fought and escaped from slavery and established free communities in the mountainous interior of Jamaica during the long era of slavery on the island.

African slaves imported during the Spanish period may have provided the first runaways, apparently mixing with the native Arawak people that remained in the country. Many gained liberty when the English attacked Jamaica and took it in 1655, and subsequently runaways were referred to as 'maroons'.

Why, you may ask, am I giving you this potted history when I'm supposed to be talking about food? Well, it's an introduction to a restaurant based deep in the heart of Tower Hamlets on Commercial Road that has taken this name.

On the day that I visited it was a little quiet for a lunchtime with the proprietor having to open up the restaurant side of the premises. There appears to be a thriving take-away service, with a steady flow of customers passing through the doors.

The restaurant itself is well appointed with seating on two levels and set up for musical entertainment as evidenced by the presence of a small stage with a microphone and organ. Interestingly, or at least to me,

a large pile of classical CDs gives a hint of a less than typically tropical approach. The menu is made up of traditional Caribbean fare with a selection of jerks, curries, rotis and patties.

Our server offered us our menus and advised us of the lunchtime special of two courses of either a starter and main or a main and a dessert for £7.80, weekdays from 12.30-2.30pm of a shorter menu of four starters, four mains and desserts.

We decided to order from this menu and my pescetarian friend was helpfully offered the additional choice of a fish main option, not part of the standard lunchtime meal, and I ordered a curried lamb dish. Both came accompanied by rice. We also agreed that the carrot cake was too good an offer to refuse. Up to this point, our service would pass muster. However, service-wise, things started to go downhill.

Generally, when one goes out for lunch these days, an implied part of the deal is that the whole repast can be completed inside an hour. On this occasion, this did not appear possible. We waited. And waited.

Our drinks arrived – a cup of builders' tea for her and a herbal tea pour moi. And still we waited.

The food once it arrived was not bad. My lamb was not spicy enough for me but, as I am partial to stronger flavours, probably means it was about right. The meat was tender and fresh. The same couldn't be said



for my rice, which to my palate it was not.

My luncheon partner's fish dish was very tasty. Often fish in Caribbean restaurants can be overcooked but this was delightful.

Mains completed we awaited our dessert. We waited and waited. Eventually we had to leave and, although we were offered our dessert to take away, only one materialised.

Maybe we arrived on a bad day. The chef did a pretty good job once the food was presented but that was marred by slow service and not keeping us informed of what was happening. Saying all this, we decided we would visit again in a few months to see if service has improved.

The bill came to £25.

The Maroons is at 514 Commercial Road, Limehouse. Tel: 7790 5132.

www.themaroonsrestaurant.co.uk

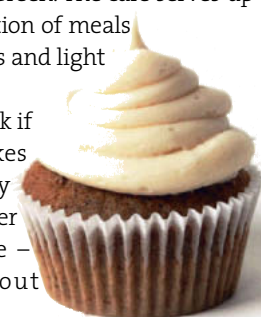
The Maroons is named after a group that escaped slavery in Jamaica

Let them eat cakes!

CUPCAKES are all the rage and this recipe combines a sweet treat with a healthy vegetable.

This recipe is supplied by Flavour Gateway, which runs a restaurant in Weavers Field, Bethnal Green. The café serves up a delicious selection of meals as well as cakes and light snacks.

You can check if your cupcakes are done by placing a skewer into the centre – if it comes out clean, it's done.



Carrot cupcakes with cream cheese frosting – serves 12

Ingredients

200g golden castor sugar
200g self-raising flour
150g vegetable oil (sunflower/rapeseed)
200g carrots, peeled and coarsely grated
3 eggs
1 tbsp mixed spice
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
Half tsp salt
Juice of 1 orange

For frosting:

250g Philadelphia soft cheese
75g golden icing sugar
Zest of half a lemon

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Sift the flour, mixed spice, bicarbonate of soda and salt into a bowl and set aside.
2. In a separate large bowl, place the sugar, eggs and vegetable oil and whisk until pale and fluffy.
3. Slowly fold the carrots and orange juice into the egg mixture, then fold in the flour mixture. The trick is to retain as much of the air whisked into the eggs mixture as possible.
4. Pour the mixture out evenly between 12 muffin cases and place in the oven for 20-25 mins until risen and golden brown in appearance. Remove from the oven once cooked and place the cupcakes on a cooling rack.
5. Meanwhile, beat together the soft cheese, zest and icing sugar until smooth and creamy. Cover with cling film and chill until the cupcakes have completely cooled.
6. Pipe or spread the cooled cupcakes with the cream cheese frosting.



It is fascinating to compare writer Jeanette Winterson's popular Verde Stores restaurant and shop in Brushfield Street, Spitalfields today to the condition of the shop in just 1989.

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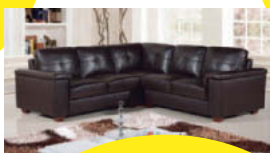
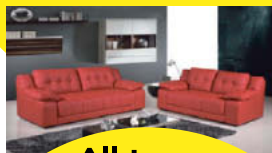
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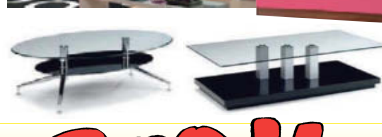


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Property

New wave of 225 homes on Ocean

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

MORE than 100 rundown properties on the Ocean Estate in Stepney will be replaced with 225 new sustainable apartments and maisonettes, as part of the final stages of regeneration and redevelopment on the estate.

The council approved plans for the scheme at a planning committee meeting on February 25.

Housing association and social regeneration charity East Thames will manage the development, which features homes with one to five bedrooms. The properties will be available for affordable

rent, shared ownership and outright sale.

Overlooking a park, the homes will be constructed with modern energy-saving features.

The £220 million regeneration of the Ocean has created more than 800 new homes and refurbished more than 1,000 council homes to date.

Delivered in partnership with East Thames, the council and Bellway Homes, the project has seen the transformation of the Stepney area.

Neil Baron, East Thames' head of regeneration, said: "The development will not only provide new homes but will enhance the already thriving community on the regenerated

estate. It will have a positive and lasting impact on the Stepney area."

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "I'm delighted that the latest development in the Ocean Estate is taking shape. Creating new and improved housing for our borough's residents is a key priority.

"The £220 million Ocean

Estate regeneration scheme has already seen hundreds of residents benefiting from the newly transformed area and this next development will further add to the transformation that has already taken place in Stepney."

The latest phase of construction is anticipated to commence early next year.

Spring is in the air

Plant of the month from the Horticultural Traders Association

MARCH is the perfect time for a garden spring clean after the winter, re-invigorating and livening up existing flowerbeds, borders and containers. Why not do this with pansies and violas?

Pansies are the perfect spring plants – along with primulas, forget-me-nots and wallflowers – and are colourful contenders for patio pots, hanging baskets and window boxes.

Pansies and violas are two of the most popular bedding plants and are great for filling the gaps in borders once you have cleared away bedraggled or dead plants.

Their names are often used interchangeably. Pansies have



Esther Rantzen with a pot full of pansies and violas

four petals pointing upwards, and only one pointing down. Violets have three petals pointing up and two pointing down.

Both are hardy annuals that need watering regularly and need to be planted in moist, well-drained soil. Make sure you remove faded or dead flowers to prolong blooming and encourage more flowers.

Pansies and violas are two of the easiest instant colour plants

for this time of year and are much loved by broadcaster and gardener, Esther Rantzen.

"I love pansies for their soft colours, all the shades of blues, purples and golds, and for their faces, turned down, as if in contemplation," she said.

"They look fragile, but in fact are tough and can survive anything except the burning summer heat, and seed themselves and return, year after year."

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Work started on the transformation of the Ocean Estate in Stepney with the demolition of one of the first blocks, Bengal House, in November 2010. The latest phase of the scheme was given the go-ahead by planners last month (see story above).



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C Life time Homes	<i>Specifically designed to create an accessible and adaptable home</i>
D Easy Access	<i>Designed to be spacious with no steps to the property</i>
E Step-free	<i>General housing with no steps to the property</i>
F General Housing	<i>Does not meet requirements for other categories</i>
G Not assessed	<i>Property not yet had access survey</i>

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Permit Transfer Scheme: for residents moving to 3 bedroom or larger social rented car free homes

The Mayor of Tower Hamlets introduced the new Permit Transfer Scheme (PTS) to operate from 5 September 2011 to help to reduce the levels of overcrowding in social rented housing in the borough. The PTS helps some families move to larger social rented car free homes by allowing them to retain one on-street resident car parking permit, subject to the PTS criteria as outlined below being met. The PTS is a change in the operation of the Council's existing on-street Residents' Parking Permit Scheme.

CAR FREE HOMES No on-street residents' parking permits issued

The Council's 'car free homes' planning policy was introduced in Tower Hamlets in the late 1990s to help reduce traffic congestion and better manage the limited supply of on-street parking spaces. This initiative also helps to reduce the level of air pollution from motor vehicles and encourages more people to walk, cycle and go by public transport.

The Transport for London (TfL) Cycle Hire scheme (www.tfl.gov.uk/cycling) and local pay-as-you-go car clubs (www.carplus.org.uk) are also now available in Tower Hamlets to help you get around in healthier, greener ways.

If you live in a car free home, you will not be able to apply for on-street residents' car parking permits, unless you hold a disabled driver's blue badge or are eligible under the Permit Transfer

Scheme (PTS), which is targeted at social rented housing residents. The criteria for the PTS is as follows:

1. applies to residents moving to 3 bedroom or larger social rented car free homes;
2. only one on-street resident parking permit per household is permitted;
3. you must have held your on-street car parking permit for at least 1 year prior to moving home;
4. your on-street parking permit must be renewed and **not lapse to remain eligible** under the scheme;
5. the tenant is responsible for providing proof of PTS eligibility to Parking Services (including a duly signed and dated Tower Hamlets Homes or housing association approved tenancy agreement); and

6. the PTS was introduced on (and operates from) 5 September 2011 by Tower Hamlets Council and **is not retrospective**.

Residents in car free homes can apply for a temporary parking permit for visiting trades people for £5 a day. To qualify, written proof of the work to be carried out must be provided, along with the vehicle's details. Each home can apply for a maximum of 20 one-day-permits within a 6 month period.

Alternatively, scratchcards are available for trades people and visitors, providing parking for up to five hours on weekdays and all day on weekends. Households can apply for up to 3 books of 10 scratchcards per year. For permit charges and information, visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parking



SHELTERED
Accessible Category E
EDITH RAMSAY HOUSE, DUCKETT STREET, E1
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Shared garden • Pets not permitted

Eligibility : Min Client Age 60

£158.83, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Gateway Housing Association

Property Ref: 29388



SHELTERED
Accessible Category G
GAWTHORNE COURT, MOSTYN GROVE, E3
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted

Eligibility : Min Client Age 60

£135.67, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

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OVER 50's
Accessible Category F
STUBBS HOUSE, BONNER STREET, E2
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Wet room (walk in shower) • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted
Rent increase pending April 2014

Eligibility : Min Client Age 50

£107.53, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

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OVER 50's
Accessible Category D
BENTWORTH COURT, GRANBY STREET, E2
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 3rd floor • Separate kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014 . Heating & hot wter included in charges

Eligibility : Min Client Age 50

£117.70, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29340



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Accessible Category D
BENTWORTH COURT, GRANBY STREET, E2
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 6th floor • Separate kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014 . Heating & hot water included in charges

Eligibility : Min Client Age 50

£118.14, Weekly - Social Rent
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BEDSIT SELF-CONTAINED FLAT
Accessible Category F
OLD CHURCH ROAD, E1
Flat • 0 Bed 1 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Shower Room with W/C • Check heating on viewing •No garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014 . Shower only-no bath

£85.06, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29335



BEDSIT SELF-CONTAINED FLAT
Accessible Category E
NEWBY HOUSE, NEWBY PLACE, E14
Flat • 0 Bed 1 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014

£94.94, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29395



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category F
LATHAM HOUSE, CHUDLEIGH STREET, E1
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 4th floor • Separate kitchen • Two lifts • Bathroom with W/C • Check heating on viewing • No garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014 . Concierge/CCTV

£109.28, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29387



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category F
GRAND WALK, E1
House • 1 Bed 2 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014

£118.71, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29382



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category C
JENNIFER HOUSE, TAPLEY WALK, E14
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets with landlords permission . Rent increase pending April 2014 . Electric cooking . One week's advance rent required at sign up of tenancy

£160.29, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 29376



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category C
JENNIFER HOUSE, TAPLEY WALK, E14
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 2nd floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets with landlords permission . Rent increase pending April 2014 . Electric cooking . One week's advance rent required at sign up of tenancy

£160.29, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 29379



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category F
MCKINNONWOOD HOUSE, TURIN STREET, E2
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014

£107.78, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29349



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category D
FAIRFIELD ROAD, E3
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 4th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets with landlords permission • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years except for those who currently hold a Secure or Assured social housing tenancy

£129.60, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Swan Housing Association

Property Ref: 29347



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category F
WILLIAM GUY GARDENS, E3
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Permit parking • Pets with landlords permission . One week's advance rent required at sign up of tenancy . Rent increase pending April 2014

Eligibility : Band 3

£117.55, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 29396



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
BURLEY HOUSE, WALTER TERRACE, E1
Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014

£116.49, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29341



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
MOODY STREET, E1
Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014

£114.36, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29407



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
SANDALWOOD CLOSE, E1
Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014
PREFERENCE TO HOUSING MOVES APPLICANTS

£128.20, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29381



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category C
JENNIFER HOUSE, TAPLEY WALK, E14
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 1st floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets with landlords permission . Rent increase pending April 2014 . Electric cooking . One week's advance rent required at sign up of tenancy

Advert represents 2 properties
£135.18, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

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2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category C
JENNIFER HOUSE, TAPLEY WALK, E14
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Advert represents 2 properties
£135.18, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 29378



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
MALTING HOUSE, OAK LANE, E14
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 11th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Check heating on viewing • No garden • Pets permitted . Concierge/CCTV

£140.88, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29350



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category D
NEUTRON TOWER, BLACKWALL WAY, E14
Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 3rd floor • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted . Electricity & hot water included in service charge . All electric-no gas in property

£184.38, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Genesis Housing Association

Property Ref: 29405



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
ROSS HOUSE, PRUSOM STREET, E1W
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 4th floor • New build • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014

£115.64, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29409



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category E
MARY MACARTHUR HOUSE, WARLEY STREET, E2
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden . Rent increase pending April 2014

£114.55, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29397



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
HUTTON HOUSE, TURIN STREET, E2
Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014

£115.63, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29402



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
WESTHOPE HOUSE, DERBYSHIRE STREET, E2
Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted • Stairlift . Rent increase pending April 2014 . Ramp to block entrance

£119.60, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29384

For more detailed information about the following adverts please visit the Homeseekers website at www.thhs.org.uk



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
BRACKEN HOUSE, WATTS GROVE, E3

Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Shower Room with W/C • GCH • Shared garden • Pets with landlords permission . No bath-shower only . Rent increase pending April 2014 . Tenant participation expected in the running of the block - see TMO information below

£104.81, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Dennis housing Co-op

Property Ref: 29339



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
MALTINGS CLOSE, E3

Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 3rd floor • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Pets not permitted
PREFERENCE TO HOUSING MOVES APPLICANTS

£0.00, Rent to be advised
Landlord: East Thames Group

Property Ref: 29410



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category G
SAWMILL YARD, E3

Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 3rd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Pets not permitted

£141.85, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Southern Housing Group

Property Ref: 29408



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category C
GOLDPENCE APARTMENTS, BUCKLE STREET, E1

Flat • 3 Bed 5 Person • 4th floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted . One week's advance rent payable at sign up of tenancy

£169.24, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Gallions Housing Association

Property Ref: 29345



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category C
GOLDPENCE APARTMENTS, BUCKLE STREET, E1

Flat • 3 Bed 5 Person • 7th floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted . One week's advance rent payable at sign up of tenancy

£169.24, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Gallions Housing Association

Property Ref: 29346



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
GALLEON HOUSE, GLENGARNOCK AVENUE, E14

Maisonette • 3 Bed 6 Person • 9th floor • Separate kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets with landlords permission

Eligibility : Band 3

£151.87, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: EastendHomes

Property Ref: 29334



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category C
JENNIFER HOUSE, TAPLEY WALK, E14

Flat • 3 Bed 4 Person • Ground Floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets with landlords permission . One week's advance rent payable at sign up of tenancy . Electric cooking . Rent increase pending April 2014

Advert represents 2 properties
£147.88, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 29373



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
GALES GARDENS, E2

Flat • 3 Bed 4 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014 . Heating & hot water included in charges

£145.19, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29406



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
WALTER STREET, E2

Maisonette • 3 Bed 5 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014

£142.09, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29383



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
ELECTRIC HOUSE, BOW ROAD, E3

Flat • 3 Bed 6 Person • 3rd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014

£129.81, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29401



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
LICHFIELD ROAD, E3

House • 3 Bed 5 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets not permitted

£158.39, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Gateway Housing Association

Property Ref: 29398



4 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
LOUISE DE MARILLAC HOUSE, SMITHY STREET, E1

Maisonette • 4 Bed 6 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted . Rent increase pending April 2014

Eligibility : Transfer List

£138.44, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 29386



4 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
KNAPP ROAD, E3

Maisonette • 4 Bed 6 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets with landlords permission . Rent increase pending April 2014 . One week's advance rent required at sign up of tenancy

£163.90, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 29336



5 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category G
BRABAZON STREET, E14

Maisonette • 5 Bed 9 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets with landlords permission . One week's advance rent payable at sign up of tenancy . Rent increase pending April 2014

£184.96, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 29348



5 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category C
GOLDPENCE APARTMENTS, BUCKLE STREET, E1

Flat • 5 Bed 8 Person • 1st floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted . One week's advance rent payable at sign up of tenancy

£198.65, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Gallions Housing Association

Property Ref: 29342



5 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category C
GOLDPENCE APARTMENTS, BUCKLE STREET, E1

Flat • 5 Bed 8 Person • 2nd floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted . One week's advance rent payable at sign up of tenancy

£198.65, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Gallions Housing Association

Property Ref: 29343



5 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category C
GOLDPENCE APARTMENTS, BUCKLE STREET, E1

Flat • 5 Bed 8 Person • 3rd floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted . One week's advance rent payable at sign up of tenancy

£198.65, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Gallions Housing Association

Property Ref: 29344

TMO's Tenant Management Organisations

Tenant Management Organisations (TMOs) are formed when tenants decide they want to take over the management of their homes. TMOs usually take the form of either a Tenant Management Co-operative (TMC) or an Estate Management Board (EMB).

When a TMO take over the management of an estate the Council still owns the homes and the tenants keep the same rights as other Council tenants.

Should you move to a property managed by a Tenant Management Organisation (TMO) you may be expected to contribute to the day to day running of the block & estate.

TMO responsibilities can vary, but may include:

- organising repairs
- deciding on caretaking and estate cleaning priorities
- collecting rent and managing arrears
- employing and managing staff and contractors
- looking after public gardens and other shared areas
- controlling any estate improvements
- providing advice and support to tenants.

Please be aware of this when bidding for a Tenant Management Organisation (TMO) property.

REMINDER

Please respect people's privacy by not attempting to access advertised properties or knocking at neighbouring homes.

This causes a nuisance and may distress some individuals.

AFFORDABLE RENT PROPERTIES

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AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category G

BRIDGE COURT, NEWPORT AVENUE, E14
Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 1st floor • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 2-5 years.

£171.27, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 29399



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category F

UPPER NORTH STREET, E14
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 2-5 years.

£155.51, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 29391

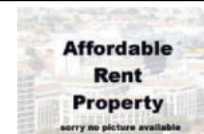


AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category G

PARNELL ROAD, E3
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • Ground Floor • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.

£192.46, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29403



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category F

EXMOOR HOUSE, GERONON ROAD, E3
Maisonette • 3 Bed 5 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.

£222.54, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29389



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

ANGLO ROAD, E3
Maisonette • 3 Bed 5 Person • Ground Floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • Private garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£248.76, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29351



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

ANGLO ROAD, E3
Maisonette • 3 Bed 5 Person • Ground Floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • Private garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£248.76, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29352



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

THOMAS BARNARDO HOUSE, ANGLO ROAD, E3
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 2nd floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£165.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29355



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

THOMAS BARNARDO HOUSE, ANGLO ROAD, E3
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 3rd floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£165.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29356



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

THOMAS BARNARDO HOUSE, ANGLO ROAD, E3
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 4th floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£165.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29357



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

TRISTRAM HOUSE, GALAHAD MEWS, E3
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 3rd floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

Advert represents 2 properties
£198.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29358



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

TRISTRAM HOUSE, GALAHAD MEWS, E3
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 3rd floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£165.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29360



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

TRISTRAM HOUSE, GALAHAD MEWS, E3
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 4th floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

Advert represents 2 properties
£198.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29361



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

TRISTRAM HOUSE, GALAHAD MEWS, E3
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 4th floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£165.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29363



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

LANCELOT HOUSE, GALAHAD MEWS, E3
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 3rd floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£165.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29364



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

LANCELOT HOUSE, GALAHAD MEWS, E3
Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 3rd floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£192.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29365



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

LANCELOT HOUSE, GALAHAD MEWS, E3
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 3rd floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£198.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29366



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

LANCELOT HOUSE, GALAHAD MEWS, E3
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 4th floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£165.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29367



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

LANCELOT HOUSE, GALAHAD MEWS, E3
Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 4th floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£192.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29368



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

LANCELOT HOUSE, GALAHAD MEWS, E3
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 4th floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£198.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29369



AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D

LANCELOT HOUSE, GALAHAD MEWS, E3
Flat • 1 Bed 1 Person • 5th floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

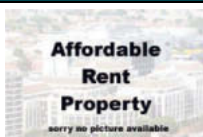
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Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29370

AFFORDABLE RENT PROPERTIES

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AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category G
LINDLEY STREET, E1

House • 3 Bed 6 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.

£273.47, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: Circle 33 HA

Property Ref: 29390




AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category F
CONSTANT HOUSE, HARROW LANE,

Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 5th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • GCH • Balcony • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Life Time.

£171.27, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: Gateway Housing Association

Property Ref: 29394




AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category D
LANCLOT HOUSE, GALAHAD MEWS, E3

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 5th floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£165.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29371




AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category D
LANCLOT HOUSE, GALAHAD MEWS, E3

Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 5th floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£198.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29372




AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category D
VERNON ROAD, E3

Maisonette • 3 Bed 5 Person • Ground Floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£248.76, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29353



AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category D
VERNON ROAD, E3

Maisonette • 3 Bed 5 Person • Ground Floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years . All Electric-no gas in property

£248.76, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 29354



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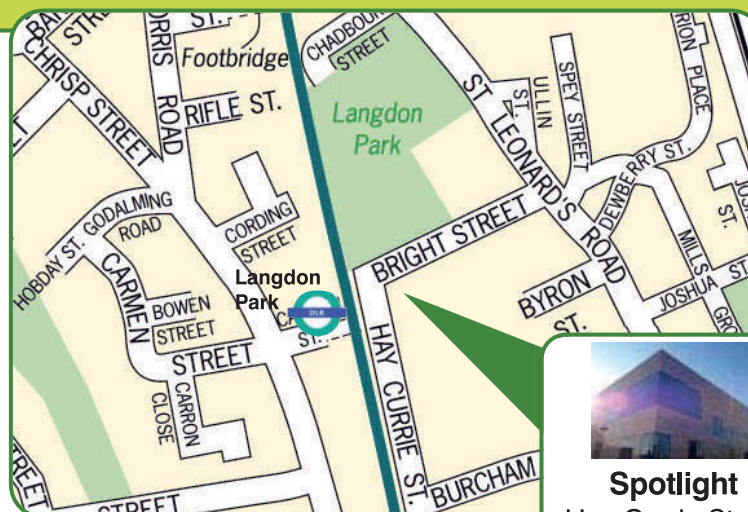
Information stalls:

- **Housing options** – general advice on housing.**
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- **Money Advice (provided by getting on with money project)** – preparing for your first tenancy, how to budget and save.
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Interviews will be held week commencing: Monday 21 April 2014.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES UNDER SECTION 26(1)(bb) OF THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS UNDER SECTION 6(3A)(a) OF THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004.

We Global Grange Limited being the proprietor of The Grange Tower Bridge Hotel, 47 Prescott Street, London, E1 8GP give notice that we have applied to the Proper Officer of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for approval under the above Act as premises where civil ceremonies may take place.

Any persons wishing to inspect the application and plans of the premises may do so at The Register Office, Bromley Public Hall, Bow Road, London, E3 3AA. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4.00pm. Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am and 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

Any persons wishing to object to the grant of approval may do so in writing, with reasons for the objection, within twenty-one days of the date of publication of the notice. Objections should be sent to the Proper Officer at the above address. Jeffrey Green Russell Limited Solicitors and agents for and on behalf of the applicant.

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Public notices

CROSSRAIL WORKS

PARKING SUSPENSION – STEPNEY WAY, E1 AND JUBILEE STREET, E1

The Tunnel Boring Machine, Jessica, will be taken from Stepney Green Crossrail site, Stepney Way to Limmo Peninsula site, Lower Lea Crossing from the 17th March through to 16th April 2014.

The Tunnel Boring Machine has been dismantled into large manageable pieces; however, this transfer will still require a police escort and the suspension of parking to get the abnormal loads along the road.

- Parking suspensions along:
- Stepney Way from Garden Street to Jubilee Street
 - Jubilee Street from Stepney Way to Commercial Road

Will be suspended on the following days and times:

Monday 17th March through to Friday 21st March 2014 from 2000hrs until 12midnight

Monday 24th March 2014 from 2000hrs until 12 midnight

Friday 4th April 2014 from 2000hrs until 12 midnight

Sunday 6th April 2014 from 0600hrs until 1100hrs to transport the largest parts of the machine

Monday 7th April through to Friday 11th April 2014 from 2000hrs until 12midnight

Monday 14th April through to Wednesday 16th April 2014 from 2000hrs to 12midnight

All loads will be escorted by police and any cars parked during these times will be removed.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENSE

LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT Greenwich+Docklands Festivals has applied to London Borough of Tower Hamlets Licensing Authority for a Premises License under the Licensing Act 2003 for the following premises: Haverfield Green, Mile End Park, Bow, London E3.

A record of this application may be inspected by appointment at: The Licensing Department, London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Mulberry Place (AH), PO Box 55739, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 1BY. (Between 10.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday inclusive.)

Interested parties may make representations to the Council on this application by no later than 4 April 2014. All representations must be made in writing. Representations can only be made on the grounds of the four licensing objectives, namely: Protection of children from harm, Public nuisance, Prevention of crime and disorder, Public safety.

Any person who makes a false statement in connection with an application is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

It is proposed that the following licensable activities will take place at the premises: a series of performances featuring plays, films,

dance, and recorded music. This activity will take place at the following time: Saturday 21 June 2014, 21.00–23.00.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – MARSH WALL E14

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets proposes to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from stopping or proceeding in the length of carriageway in Marsh wall between the junction with East Ferry Rd and the Millwall Cutting Bridge.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will enable carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out on the public highway by London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

The alternative routes will be via Manchester Road and Westferry Road and vice versa.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will operate from 24 March 2014 until 11 April 2014 and at times when temporary traffic signs are placed on the public highway pursuant to The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to Charlie Harrison, Network Coordinator, on 020 7364 6671 or email, charlie.harrison@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – ADELINA GROVE E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets proposes to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding in the length of carriageway in Adelina Grove between its junction with Sidney Street and its junction with Jubilee Street.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will enable essential works to be carried out on the public highway by LBTH.

The alternative route for vehicular traffic will be via Sidney Street, Stepney Way and Jubilee Street.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will operate from Monday 7th April 2014 to Friday 11th April 2014 and at times

when temporary traffic signs are placed on the public highway pursuant to The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to Tom Rawlings, Road Safety Engineer, Improvement Works Group, Transport and Highways on 020 7364 6704 or email, tom.rawlings@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 10th March 2014

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – ROMAN ROAD E3

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets proposes to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from stopping or proceeding in the length of carriageway in Roman Rd between the junction with St Stephen's Rd and Hewlett Rd.

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The alternative routes will be via St Stephen's Rd, Old Ford Rd, Grove Rd, and vice versa.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will operate from 08-00hrs on 16 March 2014 until 17-00hrs on 17 March 2014 and at times when temporary traffic signs are placed on the public highway pursuant to The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

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THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

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Public Legal Notices

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990, SECTIONS 10, 67 AND 73

APPLICATIONS FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD IN THE OPINION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY AFFECT THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF AN AREA DESIGNATED AS A CONSERVATION AREA OR WOULD AFFECT THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

4 Crispin Place, London, E1 6DW PA/14/398/BEE
Application for change of use from Use Class A3 (Restaurants and Cafe) to A4 (Drinking establishment).

109 Columbia Road, London, E2 7RL PA/14/407/GMA
Erection of new retractable awning/canopy

Former 2 To 4, Sidney Street, London PA/14/416/AWA
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Junction of Butcher Row and Commercial Road, London, E1 0HY PA/14/253/JTH
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50 Tollet Street, London, E1 4EE PA/14/00250/KFL
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77 Brick Lane, London, E1 6QL PA/14/00297/ADW
Application to vary condition 4 (Opening hours) of BG/96/288 dated 16/12/1996. Approved opening hours until 12am Monday to Sunday. Proposed hours: 11am - 12:30am Sunday to Thursday and 11am - 2:30am Fridays and Saturdays.

Land at Bridge Wharf, Old Ford Road, London PA/14/78/JTH
Single residential mooring at Hammerhead berth linked to Grand Canal.

The following are householder applications and in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about these applications will be sent to the secretary of state, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

8 Tredegar Square, London, E3 5AD PA/14/414 & 415/KFL
Replacement of existing lower ground floor side extension with new enlarged openings towards the garden.

42 Cardigan Road, London, E3 5HT PA/14/456/KCO
Erection of a two story rear extension.

Copies of the applications and plans may be inspected between the hours of 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Department, Mulberry Place, Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at the above address.

Dated: 10th March 2014

OWEN WHALLEY
Head of Planning and Building Control

its junction with Sidney Street and its junction with Jubilee Street.

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Sport

Sport in brief

Okolie's a knockout

THE University of East London proved a real knockout when they took the British Universities and Colleges Sports championships in Sheffield by storm.

And none of the students had a more explosive impact on the championships than Repton heavyweight **Lawrence Okolie**.

He kickstarted UEL's six-medal haul with an incredible ten second knockout win over Chester University's Elliott Dillon to take the under-91kg title.

Another golden boy was 22-year-old **Helder Francisco** in the judo event.

Francisco, competing in his second BUCS championship, was in superb form throughout the under-66kg competition, beating Anglia Ruskin's George Buckley by ippon in the final.

There was also success for Julia Scardone and Sophie Newnes who took home silver medals.

There were two silvers in the indoor athletics for Cristian Morton and Kimberly Baptiste.

Be a right Wally

VICTORIA Park will be full of Wallys this Sunday, March 16, but it's all in a great cause.

The annual show-your-stripes for the Where's Wally? fun run takes place in the historic park and hundreds of local runners will be competing.

The event is staged by the National Literacy Trust.

More than 1,000 people took part in last year's event raising £93,000.

To enter email **claire.nevill@literacytrust.org.uk** or call 7820 6275.

Marston misery

MARIANNE Marston's bid to win the WBU European featherweight champion at Bethnal Green's York Hall ended in heart-break when she lost a split decision to substitute opponent Hana Horakova.

East Londoner Marston, of the Trad TKO gym in Canning Town, said a back injury caused her to tire during the latter stages of the fight.

Czech Horakova stepped in at short notice after Marston's original opponent, Galina

Hamlets reach London final



SPURS and England defender Ledley King was in Mile End Park for the unveiling of a statue in his honour in August 2011. Bow-born King was a superbly gifted central defender, but his career was for years blighted by a chronic knee injury, which rendered him unable to train properly and drastically reduced the number of matches he could play. He eventually retired in 2012 at the age of 31. King was a product of Senrab FC who also count former Bow Boys pupil Ashley Cole, and Chelsea captain John Terry among their illustrious alumni.

BY PETER FAULKNER

PLAYER manager Ashley King became a two-goal hero for FC Hamlets and fired them into the final of the London Cup tournament.

But cup glory seemed a long way off on the 55th minute mark when the East London side were trailing 2-1.

King had given them the lead after 25 minutes against Old Plymouthians at South Croydon and it was a lead they looked like taking into half-time.

But the hosts levelled just before the interval with a header and ten minutes after the restart went ahead through a penalty.

The team dug deep and quickly bounced back through King again when he headed the leveller. This gave Hamlets another lease of life.

They began to apply the pressure and were rewarded when a dynamic run from Rhonan Casey ended with him calmly putting the ball in the back of the net to make it 3-2.

Not long after that a neat passing move from Hamlets saw Corrin Harrison take possession and finish brilliantly. The game was all but over at this point as Old Plymouthians offered no response.



Ashley King

With 15 minutes to go Hamlets were awarded a free kick 35 yards out. Up stepped John Gilroy who bent the ball into the top corner brilliantly to seal a magnificent victory.

Hamlets will now play Peerscroft United in the final at Corinthian Casuals King George's Field ground in Kingston on May 3.

■ FC Hamlets head to Sweden this July to take part in the Gothia Cup youth tournament.

FC Hamlets will be aiming to become the first London side to win the competition and they are currently putting together an under-16 squad.

And FC Hamlets players will be following in the footsteps of the likes of Lionel Messi and Alan Shearer, who played in the event.

For more information call Senie Emmanuel on 07956 664823 or email **seniemman@hotmail.co.uk**

Gumliiska failed to receive medical clearance from boxing authorities in her native Bulgaria.

Also on the bill was another Trad TKO member, Mark Prince, 44, who continued his comeback with a first-round knockout of Latvian Olegs Lopajevs.

Sanan adds power

EAST London karate star **Sanan Aliyev** has added another title to his portfolio by linking physical power to his learning power.

Sanan, a member of the Veras Karate Academy in Tower Hamlets, is studying for a business degree which qualified him for the British Universities and Colleges Sport Championships in Sheffield.

Sanan, representing Cardiff Metropolitan University, took part in the men's senior kumite 67kg category.

After six gruelling fights and beating competitors 8-0, 6-0, 4-0, 3-0 then 8-0 in the final, he won gold and became BUCS Gatorade national champion.



EAST London's Kaizen Ryu Karate Club showed they are a force to be reckoned with, taking on some of the best in Europe at the AMA International Competition at the Ponds Forge International Centre in Sheffield.

Tyrone Briscoe, Gina Boot and Jacob Willmore (pictured above) are part of Kaizen Ryu Karate elite squad that regularly trains at Mile End, Bow and Bethnal Green. The trio competed in kata and kumite and all secured podium places; a silver for Tyrone and bronze medals for Gina and Jacob. Tyrone, 18, and Gina, 16, are part of the TKF Great Britain team and will be putting their skills to the test against many athletes abroad. The 30-strong squad are set to compete at competitions in Sardinia, Italy in April, Sendai, Japan in July and Hungary in October.

Soccer round-up Probashi hit three

THE Premiership battle between **FC Bengals** and **E7 Probashi** was one of the highlights of the Community Football League.

The game started in good spirits with both teams battling for a vital victory. FC Bengals went a goal up from a set piece in the first half. E7 Probashi kept fighting for the equaliser and it came through Sean Clark in the second half. E7 then got into their rhythm and further goals from Justin and Zayn sealed a 3-1 win.

Premier Division: ACE 2 – Mohammedan SC 2; FC Bengals 1 E7 Probashi 3; Shadwell 6 – East One 2. First Division: Newark 4 – West Ham SC 2; Poplar United 3 – Shoreditch 0; SOUL 1 – Abohani 4.

Hale hopes alive

HALE RANGERS beat **Virtue** 3-2 to keep alive their hopes of winning the Essex Sunday League. If Virtue had won they would have been champions, but goals from Ricky Field and Billy Cook were not enough.

Macca sports premier division: Reama (Thomas, 2, Small) beat **Stratford Juniors** 3-1; **Stoke Newington** (Stanley, 2) beat **Springfield** 2-1; and **Hackney Downs A** were awarded a walkover as **Millwall Albion** failed to show.

First division: Cranes beat **Hackney Downs B** 6-3, with Fabiano and Junior Matovu among the goal scorers; **Queensbridge** (Daniels) stayed top after beating **St Lucia** 1-0 to remain top; Young Prince lost 2-1 to **Arbour Athletic** (Brannand, 2).



Sport

Coach hails 'watershed' Wapping performance

BY PETER FAULKNER

Wapping men's 1st 5
West Herts A 4

A FANTASTIC performance from Wapping hockey club saw them win away against the league leaders, reinforcing their case for a push on the National League next season.

West Herts had lost only one game all season, but the east Londoners, who have won seven of their last nine matches, continued their fine form with yet another impressive performance.

Wapping opened the scoring after ten minutes from a brilliant passage of play, involving more than 20 passes, which was finished off by Ray Paulson.

Against the run of play West Herts soon pulled a goal back before Wapping's continued attacking produced two further goals from Grant Aidoo-Nash and James Fanger before half-time.

West Herts started the second half

strongly and eventually their pressure told with two goals in quick succession.

But Wapping turned the tables in their favour once more in the final 25 minutes.

First Rory Heaslip fired home from close range after an overlapping run from man of the match Charlie Wright, then Sam Gilliat restored the two-goal cushion with a fierce low drive into the far corner.

It was not until the last minute that West Herts reduced the arrears again.

Wapping coach, Ryan D'Souza, said: "This is undoubtedly a watershed result for our club and our development plan.

"We not only beat an outstanding team but we did so by imposing our own game plan on them.

"Our mindset must now be to know that we can and should be beating any team in the division if we prepare well for games and perform to our potential.

"We have more progress to make but I expect this group of players and those we'll add during the summer to challenge for the division next season."

Wapping Ladies 1sts 2
Sevenoaks Ladies 2nds 2

After last week's home victory over their promotion rivals, Wapping arrived at Sevenoaks confident and optimistic. However it was Sevenoaks who took the lead from a short corner.

Wapping responded almost immediately when forward Natasha Close struck from the right side of the D.

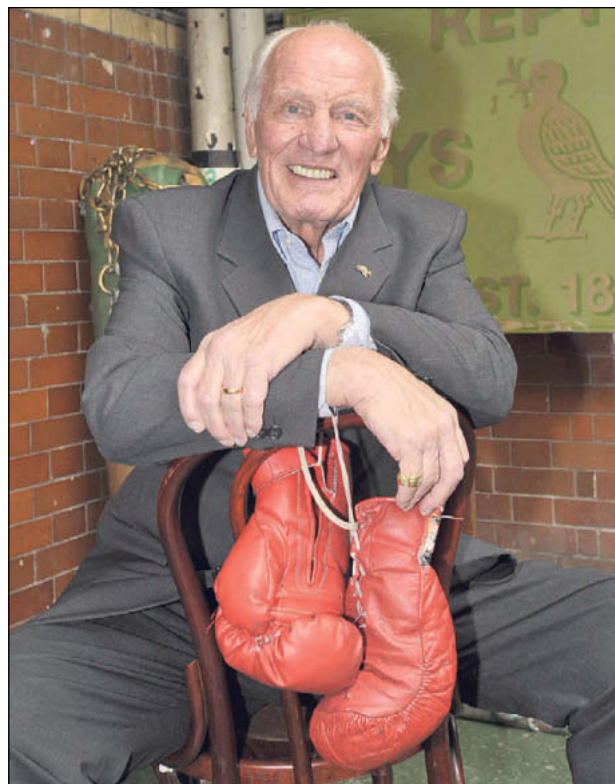
Sevenoaks took the lead again in the second-half with a deflected shot, but Charlotte Keizer equalised for Wapping.

Wapping men's 8s 3
Waltham Forest men's 4ths (A) 1

This match all but decided the winner of the Essex Division 8 league. The two teams have been battling for top spot all season.

Mark Dungey's neat flick put Wapping ahead early, on but Forest stepped up the pace and deservedly equalised after the interval, following a string of short corners.

Dungey then chipped home his second and Tee Seong Yeow added the third.



BRITAIN'S best-loved boxer, Sir Henry Cooper, celebrated his 75th birthday at Repton Boxing Club in May 2009. The legendary heavyweight was presented with a lifetime achievement award by the London Ex-Boxers Association at the Bethnal Green club, as well as a birthday cake shaped as boxing gloves.



TOWER Hamlets cricket team did not disgrace themselves in the London Youth Games, finishing joint fifth out of the 33 London boroughs taking part.

Chris Willetts, Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation manager, said they should have done better having played the better cricket technically and tactically, but paid the price against Barnet for two naive bits of cricket. Rabbi Uddin (Swanlea) and Salman Ahmed (Sir John Cass) were their stars, with Saydul Islam (Oaklands) and Abutahid Dulal (Christchurch Primary) bowling well. Incredibly, Abutahid, who recently made it

into the Middlesex County under-11 squad along with Basit Ahmed (Cayley Primary), can play in this competition for a further two years.

All of the players are part of the Tower Hamlets District Cricket scheme set up seven years ago, and during that period 15 players have made it into county elite squads, including Dipayan Paul who became the first youngster from Tower Hamlets to win a professional contract in 2012. As part of that scheme, all of the boys get places at Blackheath Cricket Club which is our nearest Premier League Club.

Sport in brief

Hopkins seals win

Stanford-le-Hope 12
Millwall 34

MILLWALL began this match with a demonstration of strength from Sean Russell who burst over for a try in the first ten minutes. George Conway converted to make it 7-0.

Millwall's poor discipline in the first half led to a high penalty count, helping the hosts score a try, but tries from George Conway, Phil Whittaker and the first of two from Matt Hopkins, resulted in a comfortable lead of 22-5 at half-time.

A converted try from Matt Rowland early in the second half was answered in kind by Stanford, but in the last 20 minutes a brilliant breakaway run from Rowland set up Hopkins for his second and decisive try.

■ **EAST London** conceded a penalty mid-way through the half against Dagenham and the visitors took a 3-0 lead, before Matt Langley fed the ball to Gonse who slotted home a drop goal to level the scores.

Two further penalties saw Dagenham increase their lead before their centre went over for the first try of the game and the conversion gave the visitors a lead 9-10.

In the last minute Dagenham got a second try, which was also converted for a 17-9 win.

Lions lose at home

A WEEKEND of mixed fortunes for **London Lions** basketball team, losing 99-71 to Leicester Tigers in front of their own fans at the Copper Box Arena, then 24 hours later redeeming themselves with a tight 93-89 win at Birmingham Knights.

The win at Birmingham enabled the Lions to maintain their grip on fifth place in the league championship.

Knights led early but by the end of the first quarter London had taken control 24-19.

Birmingham briefly took the lead early in the third quarter through Glen Izevbigie but a good run saw the Lions move out to 66-57.

Mike Gayle's three, which

made it 89-84 with 47 seconds to play, gave Knights hope before Lions closed out the match.

Against Leicester the hosts opened the scoring and set the pace in the beginning of the game, even though the visiting Riders held a 16-13 lead after the first quarter.

Although Lions reduced the gap to single figures in the last minutes of the first half, Riders regained the double-digit advantage in the third quarter.

After an 18-3 run right after the interval, Leicester broke away to a 61-42 lead, which they increased to 27 points before the final quarter.

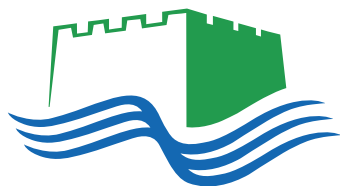
Essex's day at dock

THE **Essex County Cricket** team continued preparations for this year's season by training at the University of East London's SportsDock facility.

The team on their second visit to UEL were put through their paces by trainer Connor Browne, who described SportsDock as "vibrant and busy with good facilities".



Sport



TOWER HAMLETS

NEWS FROM TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL AND YOUR COMMUNITY

Morpeth's hunt for future stars

BY PETER FAULKNER

MORPETH Table Tennis Club have started a search for potential stars of the future by copying a blueprint first drawn up in Germany more than 30 years ago.

The club recently pioneered a table tennis festival at their Morpeth Street, Bethnal Green, base to attract new, young talent.

And the idea, first launched in Germany in 1982 and still going strong, paved the way for JOOLA Morpeth's first free beginners course, which runs till mid-April.

The two-day festival attracted more than 70 children from the age of three up to 12 and as part of the promotional campaign club members played a series of exhibition matches at 13 local primary schools watched by a total of 1,500 pupils.

Former international Mark Smith and Morpeth member



Morpeth want to unearth young table tennis talent

Tyla Anderson took the message into the classroom while the highlight of the festival was the appearance of Paralympic bronze medallist and club member Jane Campbell, who

showed her medal to the youngsters. Morpeth felt that very little support was currently provided to young athletes and their parents who would like to try out and choose table tennis as their primary sport.

However, in order to reach a high standard later in life the club believe the opportunity should be offered for structured training at an early age, to provide supporting facilities and a motivating club culture.

"I hope children will develop a real appetite for the sport and will stay with us after the initial programme," said administrative secretary Joerg Feist.

"We are planning to integrate the children into a development programme."

To find out more about the free beginners' course – dates left are March 16, 22, 29, and April 6 and 13 – email festival@morpethttc.co.uk or go to www.morpethttc.co.uk

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